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American Woodmen.

AMERICAN WOODMEN GATHER FOR SESSIONS

The American Woodmen, one of the largest negro fraternal insurance organizations in the country, will open its district convention and uniform rank encampment in Atlanta Monday night, according to announcement Saturday. The meeting constitutes the second district of the organization and covers seven states—Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky.

Atlanta Constitution 7-4-26

Formal opening exercises will be conducted Monday night and the convention will continue through Saturday, with meetings and exercices each day of the week. The program embraces addresses, business sessions, military and civic parades and various uniform rank maneuvers. A program of competitive drill will be staged during the week.

The American Woodmen, according to officials, is a strong organization financially, having increased its assets of $637, in 1901, to $1,500,000 today. It has loaned more than $500,000 on negro homes and properties; employs hundreds of men and women and has paid out more than a $500,000 in benefits. E. W. B. Abner is commander and J. H. Lightner is supreme clerk. The progress of the organization under the guidance of these two officials has been phenomenal.

Leading officials, agents and representatives of the organization will attend the sessions in Atlanta.

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Ancient Order of Pilgrims.

Total Assets of Order in Excess of $257,161 and More Than $200,000 in Cash. Home Office Building to be Erected Soon.

Houston, Texas, July 17—Unique in the many years of history of the Ancient Order of Pilgrims whose Supreme Worthy Shepherd is Hon. B. H. Grimes and whose Supreme Worthy Recordr is James D. Ryan was the meeting assembled here which was featured by the presence of the new thirty-piece band under the direction of Prof. S. A. Ewell, and the competitive drills of uniformed companies from three of the cities of the state.

Formal Opening Witnessed by Many

Though the formal opening of the Conclave, which marks the close of the 81st year of existence of this order, was held until Tuesday night in the Trinity M. E. Church, the lodge as such met early in the morning of Tuesday and such routine work as the appointment of committees and the registration of delegates was attended to.

At night, a crowd which taxed the capacity of the church gathered to witness the formal opening of the meeting. On a program which was singular because of its excellence, by far the most conspicuous numbers were the welcome of Acting Mayor Halverton, who was introduced by Prof. James D. Ryan, Supreme Worthy Recorder of the order as "the man in the City Hall of Houston in whom the Negroes of this city have the utmost confidence and for whom they have the highest respect," the response to this welcome by Col. Louis D. Lyons of Austin, the welcome of Miss Virginia B. Miller in behalf of the ladies of the order and the most pleasing response to this welcome by Mrs. M. D. M. Johnson of Juliff.

Mayor Halverton told of the necessity for complete realization by all of the races of the city of Houston and of all cities, that the welfare of each race was in some way bound up with the welfare of all races and that one could not exist independent of the other. He declared that that spirit was permeating not only Houston but every city in the South, and he prophesied the coming of the day "when petty jealousies and misunderstandings will give way to the peace and understanding which will make of the whole nation a better place in which to live."

B. H. GRIMES, Supreme Worthy Shepherd of Pilgrims

In response to the remarks of the Mayor, Col. Louis D. Lyons, speaking for the order stated that there was "comfort in the remarks of such a man and an outlook for better days and more prosperity if the things of which he speaks can but come to pass." Said he, "there has never been any reason for the sort of feelings which have seemed to characterize the white people of the South. They have professed to be afraid of some aspirations of the Negro to occupy places with them as social equals. Nothing could be farther from the truth for it is true that there can be no reason in such a thing as this. "I for one" said he, "have never wished for anything of a like nature and I have hated with all of the bitterness that is within me, the peculiar status of affairs in this southland which has made this thing possible to all of those scions of the other race who have mixed the blood of the Negro and populated this country with mixed breeds. The Negro has never asked for more than a man's chance to make his contribution to the welfare of America. He will never ask more. He should have no less. And in the discovery of men with messages of welcome like this, America has discovered men who are her friends. Whose messages of cheer and of sound sense may yet lead us out of our difficulties."

Dr. H. E. Lee delivered the welcome on behalf of the men of the order and the response to it was delivered by Prof. Jesse Washington, Supreme Worthy Locker of the organization. Pleasing musical selections were rendered by the Coleridge Taylor Choral Club, one of the leading vocal organizations of the state which is led by Editor C. F. Richardson. Violin accompaniments to the selections were played by Dr. Louis Mitchell who also rendered a violin solo which drew much applause.

Thirty Piece Band Makes Its First Appearance

Resplendent in snappy new uniforms of blue and gold with the most modern instruments, the Pilgrim Band directed by Prof. S. A. Ewell, well known Texas bandmaster, made its first appearance in the rendition of several pieces of music just before and just after the opening program. The band was seen again in serenade before the convention on Thursday and in the parade which it led. Charles Cameron, high school boy of Houston, is its drum major.

Supreme Shepherds Address Shows Growth of Order

The annual address of Supreme Shepherd B. H. Grimes delivered on Wednesday contained many facts showing the growth of the order during the past year and contained recommendations of importance for the coming year. After telling of the plans for the erection of the temple on which the work will begin soon, he spoke of the need for more interest in the work of the order on the part of all of the membership. Indicating that the increase in membership this year had not been as great as of last year though the total number of new members was given as 3263 and the new bodies are twenty-nine, he urged every member to make of himself an agent for the order and to get new members interested in the work of the order.

His recommendations which occasioned some comment included those to allow him a full time secretary, to have the reports of all sanctuaries made in triplicate and that he be given the oversight of all of the expenditures of the order. These measures were passed with some amendments by the body in session on Friday morning.

Supreme Recorders Report Shows Order Rich in Finance

The annual report of Supreme Recorder James D. Ryan indicated that the order was rich in finance having assets over liabilities of 240,606.01 of which amount the

	Mortuary	H. M. R.
Last Report	$111,542.57	$109,280.76
Income	106,105.96	32,923.50
Total	$217,649.53	$142 204.26
Disbursed .	$117,913.94	$ 1,301.41
Balances ...	99,735.59	140,902.85
Totals	$217,649.53	$142,204.26

The report of the trustees was more or less a recapitulation of the report of the Supreme Recorder as was that of Treasurer Washington. It was during the report of Prof. Washington that some amusement was caused by the speech of one of the delegates who has received the wrong impression of one of the remarks of Prof. Washington that.ingBM BM BM GF GFGF ton and who rose to take him to task for the remark.

The report of Dr. Lee, Supreme Medical Advisor of the order indicated that the deaths of the order were more numeous than of last year and that the class of applicants should be more closely studied by those who solicited members. Much of his report had to do with the prevention of disease and a warning of the need of better observance of the laws of health generally.

All Officers Elected in Less Than Three Minutes

In spite of the fact that a certain tenseness was apparent in the atmosphere following the reports of the Supreme Worthy Shepherd and the Supreme Recorder and that several rather partisan speeches had been delivered by speakers during the preceeding days, the election of all of the officers was effected in less than three minutss by a motion of delegate Scott of Brenham who made a motion just at the time of adjournment Thursday at noon to extend the time for ten minutes. The motion passed. He then made a motion to suspend the rules and elect all of the officers for another year. This motion passed amid much applause and the atmosphere cleared at once. It was generally supposed that there were several of the members of the delegation who had aspired to certain offices but they were never definitely known. The following is the roster of officers: B. H. Grimes, S. W. S.; James D. Ryan, S. W. R.; Prof. Jesse Washington, S. W. L.; W. H. Wilson, Vice W. S.; R. E. Brown, W. I.; Ed Austin, W. Sen.; Mrs. Rachel Charles, S. J. U.; Mrs. B. L. Caswell, S. S. U.; S. E. Wright, S W. P.; Mortuary Board, Mesdames C. E. Elmore and M. E. Williams Supreme Council; Van H. McKinney T. D. Mitchell, L. D. Lyons, E. P Harrison and E. L. Jackson, Trustees, P. N. Stevens, R. J. Lockett and John Robinson, Clem Bolden.

Emergency	Expense	Total
$4,170.99	$18,702.11	$243.696.43
2,012.00	40,266.97	181,309.33
$6,183.89	$58,968.08	$425,005.76
.....	$47,928.86	$167,144.21
$6,183.99	$11,039.22	$257,161.55
$6,183.99	$58,968.08	$425,005.76

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. D. RYAN, S. W. R.

Street Parade Very Impressive—

Excursion to Galveston

Visible evidence of the new bodies created in the order was to be had on Thursday afternoon when all of the delegates, the uniformed companies, the band and a host of decorated cars paraded the principal streets of the city. Two Negro police officers led the procession which formed at Antioch Baptist Church where all of the sessions were held. Next in order came the Pilgrim band led by "Siki," well known employee in the office of Recorder Ryan; uniformed companies of women from Galveston, came next in line and these in turn were followed by a company of youths with a drum corps, a corps of uniformed women from Waco, the K. of P. band of Houston, Supreme Shepherd Grimes in all of the regalia of his office in a beautifully decorated car and a long procession of floats and other cars, all decorated. The procession ended its march at the City Auditorium where the competetive drills were held. The Waco companies were awarded the prizes of the contest.

On Friday, soon after Houston, had been decided upon as the next place of meeting, three interurban car loads of delegates entrained for an afternoon outing in Galveston. Aside from the fact that the rear trucks of the last trailer jumped the track at 25th Street and Avenue L, after reaching Galveston,

connected with the rear of a street car which was on an adjacent track and dragged it for a distance of about fifty feet, throwing the passengers into confusion, there was nothing to mar the afternoon.

The party returned to Houston about 9 p. m. and went to Emancipation Park where the installation of officers closed the meeting.

Prominent Persons Visit Meetings

Among the prominent Texans seen at the meeting were Editor Chas. N. Love of the Texas Freeman; S. B. Williams of The Houston Informer; Editor Bouldin of San Antonio Enquirer; J. W. Rice, of The Dallas Express; President Jas. Grigsby of Houston insurance fame; Dr. A. S. Jackson, Commissioner of Education of the A. M. E. Church; James T. Ewing, Endowment Secretary of the Odd Fellows, Grand Secretary McGruder of the U. B. of F.; Dr. A. L. Hunter of the Standard Sanitarium of Marlin; Prof. I. M. Terrell, Supervisor of the new memorial hospital of Houston and J. H. Riddle, Grand Secretary of Odd Fellows.

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ANCIENT UNITED KNIGHTS OF AFRICA ELECTS FIELDS

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 10.—William H. Fields, of St. Louis, Mo., was unanimously elected National Grand Master of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa at the closing session of the Grand Council which, closed here Saturday after a six-day session.

The convention held its sessions at the Wendell Phillips High School and the 3,000 delegates packed the auditorium daily, gaining the reputation of drawing the largest attendance to the day sessions ever seen here.

The sessions were bubbling over with enthusiastic reports of state branches of the order, showing the growth of the organization numerically and financially. From the platform, lined with flashy banners as a background, the speakers urged the delegates to strive harder to carry out the purpose of the organization—to promote racial reciprocity, racial unity and racial uplift.

The National Grandmaster related the progress of the order, telling how it had grown from an idea to a movement, sweeping across 31 states with a membership of more than 30,000 members, who are working to promote advancement of the race along all lines.

What the fraternal insurance organizations are doing toward the economic advancement of the race was cited by Jesse Binga, president of the Binga State Bank. According to these bankers, fraternal insurance organizations are playing an important part in increasing the wealth and property holdings of the Negro.

Africa, its present, past and future, came in for a share of the attention of the convention, when Bishops J. E. and Simpson Porter, of the A. M. E. Church, and Dr. Solomon Porter Hood, U. S. Minister to Liberia, addressed the delegates and outlined what American Negroes were doing to promote the religious, educational and industrial development of Africans.

Other features of the convention were the military drills and the parade. The camp was established at 44th Street and Langley Avenue and a daily military program was carried out.

Among the other officers re-elected were George M. Cathrell, National Grand Scretary-Treasurer; Ernest Patillo, National Deputy Grand Master; Mrs. Ida Simmons, National Grand Queen, and Mrs. Louise Hayden, white, National Grand Secretary-Treasurer of the Juvenile Department.

KNIGHTS OF AFRICA TO MEET IN CHICAGO

Aug. 2 to 7, thousands of delegates, members and friends of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa will hold their 19th annual conference in Chicago. The military department, under Major General J. A. Shackelford, will camp McCall at 44th St. and Langley Ave.

Monday morning the grand officers will open business sessions at the Wendell Phillips high school, 36th and Wm H. Fields, national grand master, presiding. Among the speakers will be representatives from Maine, New York, California, Ohio and Michigan. Among the local speakers will be Hons. R. S. Abbott, Robert R. Jackson, George T. Kersey and Edward H. Wright.

The week will be a busy one with the national grand council at the Wendell Phillips high school, juvenile department, at 3947 Michigan Ave. Tuesday evening will be a Mardi Gras parade, followed by a ball at the Unity club, 3140 Indiana Ave. Friday, July 6, will be a big spectacular parade and Friday night the competitive drill will be held at the First regiment armory, 16th St. and Michigan Ave., at which time $1,000 in prizes will be distributed among the winning drill teams and bands.

Preparations being made to entertain the national grand council are under the direction of Mrs. Eliza Jackson, state grand queen of Illinois and jurisdiction, assisted by M. T. Bailey, chairman of the publicity department of the national grand council, and Col. William Williams, colonel of the military department of Illinois.

A.U.K.D.A. HOLD SESSION HERE

In military splendor the likes of which have never before been displayed by an organization of its kind, the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, a fraternal and beneficial lodge composed of eleven bands and thirteen regiments of men and women, opened its 19th annual Encampment here at the new city playgrounds located at 45th and Evans avenue, Monday, under the command of Major General John A. Shackelford of St. Louis, Mo. The encampment will end Sunday.

Sessions at Wendell Phillips.

The business meetings of this organization is being held at the Wendell Phillips High school daily from 9 a. m. until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. There, topics of general interest to members are being discussed, plans are being formulated for the future as well as attention being given to general racial betterment.

In behalf of the Governor Edw. H. Wright delivered the welcome address at Wendell Phillips auditorium Monday, Aug. 2. Among the other speakers of the occasion were Alderman R. R. Jackson, George T. Kersey, member of the state legislature, and Rev. J. A. Winters, pastor of the Progressive Community Church, and Mrs. Eliza Jackson, state grand queen of Illinois.

Regular Military Routine.

Located in an ideal place for a camp, the grounds are well guarded in strict military fashion. Regiments from Columbus, Ohio, Lansing, Michigan, Indianapolis, Newport News, Va., St. Louis, and Cincinnati, take part daily in the regular daily program consisting of reveille, drill call, guard mount and dress parade.

The Mardi Gras parade was held at sundown Tuesday. Nearly 3,000 people were in line and marched through the principal streets of the southside. Ie ended at Unity Hall, 3140 Indiana avenue, where a grand military ball was held.

Organization Growing Rapidly.

During the past five years this lodge has grown from a membership of 1,200 to over 43,000. In it there are 6,000 uniformed members who are being tutored by such men as Major General John A. Shakelford and Brigadier General John C. Fulton, of Cleveland, Ohio, a former member of the famous 9th Battalion of Ohio.

Knights and Daughters End Greatest Meet Here

The greatest session of the national grand council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa has closed its session in Chicago and the delegates have gone to their homes until 1927. The session's entertainments were to greater Chicago the committee on site was unable for the first time in its history to decide and recommend to the grand council a meeting place outside the necessary transportation cities at some nearby points in order to keep up the standard set by Chicago, the world's greatest city. It has been stated by the national grand master, William H. Fields, that meeting place, camp grounds, entertainments, attendance and the general hospitalities in every respect excelled any occasion in the grand council's nineteen years' history.

The great parade from 44th and Langley Ave. on Friday over the principal streets and the competitive drill at the First Regiment armory on Friday evening were events which can never be forgotten by the thousands of people of Chicago who witnessed the same. The $1,000 prize given away was taken by Midwest company of St. Louis, Mo. Lake City company of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Premier company of Indianapolis, Ind., in the regulation drill and by Sunflower company of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Fancy Oak Leaf drill team of Chicago, Ill.

The following officers will serve for the next year: William H. Fields, national grand master; Ernest Patillo national deputy grand master; Dr. Geo M. Cathrell, national grand secretary-treasurer; Ida Simmons, national grand queen; Ozella Porterfield, assistant national grand secretary-treasurer; Lillian Z. Smith, national grand accountant; Leona Dixon McKenny, national grand auditress; Virginia McIntyre, national grand princess; Rev. T. L. Scott, national grand chaplain; Miss Lucille Wooley, secretary to national grand master; Nellie Burbridge, national grand right maid of honor; Louise Hayden White, national grand secretary-treasurer juvenile department; E. L. Westbrook, national grand guard.

State Grand Queens

Mrs. Eliza Jackson, Illinois; Mrs. Ada Goins, Indiana-Ohio; Mrs. Josephine Brown Michigan; Mrs. Nellie Matthews, New York; Mrs. Hattie Baldwin, California; Mrs. Mae I. Todd, Connecticut; Mrs. Luella Briggs, Massachusetts; John A. Morton, S. G. M., Kentucky; Mrs. Irene Shanklin, Pennsylvania; James W. Fisher, Wisconsin; Mrs. Henrietta Dean, state grand mother queen. M. T. Bailey is chairman of publicity department, national council, and John A. Shackelford is major general.

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Douglas, Ga., Enterprise

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NEWS FROM AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE OF THE CITY

by C. P. Wadell

The Saint Johns Day celebration held by the two colored masonic lodges of the city assisted by the presence of the ladies of the Eastern Star of the city were quite a success. The devotional exercises were led by past master Ford. The pulpit was in charge of Elder A. R. Cooper and Elder M. W. Wilson and these distinguished young ministers took care of the collection. The thanksgiving offering was upward of $35 which was donated for benevolence purposes. Plenty of lemonade and refreshments. All old and sick people were remembered.

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to Mr. J. E. Kenworthy, Mr. John Bankston and Mr. Breen who were so courteous to us in the working up of the picnic excursin from Valdosta to Vidalia. These gentlemen seem to have appreciated what the writer, John Frier and F. C. Leggett did as promoters of this excursion. The city of Vidalia gave us a royal welcome and everybody conducted themselves in a way which was a credit to the colored people of Douglas and, by the way, we must mention here that Vidalia has the best amusement park for colored people in the state, Roundtree Park. Mr. J. N. Roundtree, the proprietor of this park, took the writer all over the park and showed us the ball diamond, swimming pool, merry go round, swinging loops, horned snakes rattles and a big Georgia rattlesnake, owls, gaitors, wild cats, ant eaters and many other attractions which induce the people t ogo to Vidalia every week. We think some of our good white friends who can afford to invest the money in an amusement park of this kind would make no mistake to do so, as our people believe in spending money and having a good time and everybody likes to come to Douglas without any amusement being arranged for them. It means business for the town. Then too, Chief Barrineau and his force of policemen gives them all a chance to enjoy themselves so long as they will behave and don't get drunk and cut up. In fact, Chief has a method of handling these crowds and knows just where to nip a thing in the bud when he discovers trouble brewing and everybody liiks alike to him when it comes to enforcing the laws of the city. He has just handled the two Waycross excursions without any trouble and this seemed to have been a tough ounch.

We are leaving for the district Sunday school convention which convenes Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock July 7th. at Waycross, and as superintendent of our Sunday school we plan for Douglas Sunday school to be second to none at the convention this week. We will meet the leading colored men and women from all over the eleventh district and we may have a bug to put in their ear. Douglas will be represented by Rev. A. R. Cooper, the pastor, the writer, Mrs. Willie W. Williams, Miss Emma J. McLean, Mrs. Queen Blackshear, Clarence Leggett, Hampton Graves, Benjamin Graves and Pres. J. H. Coleman, of the League, and the next big event that will come to Douglas will be the Georgia annual conference in November which will be the largest gathering of colored people ever come to Douglas.

The Morris Brown quartet singers to be here July 21.

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Elks.

A MISSOURI circuit Judge has decided that a Moose is an animal and anybody has a right to the name. Even if the rites, rituals and regalia of the Negro order of the Paramount Progressive Order of Moose are virtually the same as those of the older, white order of the Royal Order of the Moose, by the decision of Judge Hamilton of St. Louis, the law will not intercede.

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The best Negroes in the world

By MARY LINA BLEDSOE

THEY expected trouble in Richmond. "It's sure to come," said the pessimists. A Negro convention was about to be held in the stately old Southern city, and in a few days 80,000 colored visitors would arrive. With 55,000 home Negroes the blacks would far outnumber the whites. But see what actually occurred. It's enough to make Negro baiters turn green.

THE Negroes were parading in Richmond, Va. Down stately Broad Street they were sweeping, nearly a hundred thousand strong. And, packed in two solid lines along the thoroughfare, a vast crowd—a silent crowd, a deeply interested crowd—was watching them.

"Look out for trouble," some of the onlookers were saying. But when, two hours later, the last of the marchers had passed, there had been no trouble—nothing even faintly resembling it; and, silent and impressed, the watchers went their way.

Collier's

For they've solved the "race problem" in Richmond.

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On the day before that parade the most widely read paper in Virginia had said editorially: "Richmond . . . would not exchange her colored population for a like number in any city of the United States. It cannot be excelled."

New York, N.Y.

It was scarcely a discovery that led Richmond publicly to declare her pride in her Negroes. It was, rather, a test.

The test was provided when the city found herself in the rôle of host to the largest convention ever held within her gates and to the largest assembly of Negroes ever convened south of the Potomac—the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the World, eighty thousand strong.

Richmond, admittedly, accepted the convention with misgivings. The 55,000 Negroes included in Richmond's population of 165,000, plus the 80,000 visitors, would total a colored population surpassing by several thousands the city's white population. And, though Richmond could trust her colored population in normal routine, she could not predict the effect upon it of the arrival of 80,000 outsiders. Besides, she had no facilities for extending hospitality even to a few thousand visiting Negroes.

It was a colored committee, headed by a colored business man of Richmond, that undertook the tremendous job of caring for the visitors—visitors for whom there was not so much as one first-class hotel. Remarkable foresight experience which the preparations committee had for guidance.

First of all, there should be no profiteering by the colored citizens who opened their homes to the visiting Elks. A price for board and lodging was set by the committee, and to that price the hosts rigidly adhered.

Richmond Was a Trifle Worried

THERE should be no drinking. "The white folks are going to lend us traffic men to take care of the thousands who will add for a week to the responsibility of our city; we can only do our part by seeing that they have no drunkenness to deal with." So reasoned the colored committee.

Ordinarily, Jackson Ward, the population of which is colored, is the home of many cheap bootleggers. But on this occasion the word went, mysteriously but effectively, down the line: "We are not going to bother with the Police Department. We are telling you that if any of you sells a half pint of liquor during this convention you'll never sell another drop."

Thus, question after question, came the problems of preparation before the committee, working quietly with occasionally a paragraph of commendation in the columns of the Richmond papers.

Gradually the white population grasped the magnitude of the committee's task and the unusual test faced by the city.

A feeling of tensity hovered over Richmond on the eve of the convening of the Benevolent Elks. And then—

In a colored theatre, turned into a convention hall, Governor Trinkle bade the visitors welcome to Virginia. The president of the Chamber of Commerce formally welcomed them to Richmond. E. Fulmer Bright, mayor, added his welcome.

But the real oratory came from a darky, Henry Lincoln Johnson of Atlanta, legal adviser of the order.

"We have been in existence twenty-six years," Johnson said. "We met in Boston. The governor of the state sent a substitute, and the mayor of the city sent his secretary to welcome us. We went to Chicago. The mayor of that city sent a substitute, and the governor of the state sent his regrets.

"This is the first time in the history of this fraternity that we have heard words of welcome from a chief executive of a state. We assure your excellency that we came to this city with no misgivings at all. We shall go with happy recollections of having been well treated. We are on ancestral ground.

The Negroes' Happiest Day

"MY PARENTS were slaves sold from the Eastern Shore. We are, in frankness, not proud of some things. But we have decided to be proud of our own ancestors. It makes us, who are trying to build character, feel good to hear encouragement. We have never been so happy since we were born. . . .

"The men who previously welcomed us had their say, and then they went away. They did not wait to hear what we had to say in reply. We could hear what they said, but they could not hear what we said. But you do. I feel like shouting, Governor, O Governor, safe at home!"

A sense of relief followed uncertainty. Richmond began to enjoy its convention. The city always flies the Confederate flag on any occasion when any flag besides the American is raised. On Second Street, all through Jackson Ward, the white folks smiled to find the Stars and Bars floating proudly from the windows of colored homes beside the Stars and Stripes.

And there was no drinking. No "half pints." The police found that their job was to guide, not to guard. The total arrests in "the ward" for the first twenty-four hours of the convention were below the average. The liquor-hunting squad had only one arrest to its credit.

But on the second day of the convention, "Parade Day," came the culmination of Richmond's pride in her colored folks, the final testing of her manner of handling her race question.

The parade, five miles long and two hours in passing, evoked no supercilious patronage from the banked thousands, white and black, who pressed close along the line of march. It was the longest line of Negroes that ever passed along any Southern street, and they passed with pride, as if conscious that they had reached the farthest point of advance yet reached by an advancing race.

Domestic servants were given the afternoon for the parade. Many chauffeurs were allowed the cars they drove, this time to accommodate visiting Negroes. The porches of Franklin Street, the most aristocratic street in Richmond, were surrendered to servants and their friends to view the passing parade.

The visiting Elks had expected a race problem. They could not find one.

"Everywhere we have found courtesy and kindness from Richmond people, white and black," a visiting Elk—a Brooklyn editor—said. "This treatment has been so pronounced that it is bound to clear away much of the fog around the race problem."

Richmond is proud of her colored population. And who can make a problem with trust supplemented by pride?

Governor, mayor and Chamber of Commerce president welcomed the colored Elks officials

J. Finley Wilson Heads Grand Lodge I. B. P. O. E. of W. For Fifth Year In Succession, Beating Henry of Phila.

Secretary Bates and Treasurer Carter Are Reelected Over The Grand Exalted Ruler's Opposition, Defeating Pace; New York City Wins Next Convention Despite Wilson

Cleveland, O—The twenty-seventh annual convention of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World came to a close last Saturday, and as the 20,000 delegates and visitors returned to their homes they declared it to have been the most successful of any in their remembrance.

The outstanding events of the convention were: The re-election of J. Finley Wilson for the fifth time as Grand exalted ruler; the re-election of Grand Secretary George E. Bates and Grand Treasurer James T. Carter over the opposition of Mr. Wilson, the grand exalted ruler; the defeat of Mrs. Laura E. Williams of New York as grand daughter ruler by Mrs. Ella B. Berry of Chicago, and the selection of New York as the seat of the 28th convention next year. There was no such long drawn out fight at the election of officers this year as marked the Richmond convention of 1925. Nevertheless there were several interested and spirited fights.

Wilson Opposed Bates

One of these fights came Friday morning, after Mr. Wilson had been re-elected when he appeared before the delegates and pleaded with them to elect Harry H. Pace as grand secretary. He stated that his hands had been tied by the non-cooperation of Mr. Bates and urged that they be untied by the choosing of someone in Bates stead. He also recommended the election of a new man for grand treasurer, mentioning Tiffiny Toliver of Roanoke, Va., as his choice for this position.

When the nominations for these offices began, Mr. Pace was placed in nomination by a delegatie from his old lodge in Memphis, Tenn., and the nomination was seconded by the grand exalted ruler.

J. Dalmus Steele, in the best address of the convention, placed Mr. Bates in nomination, declaring that his record for honesty and faithfulness was known throughout the country.

Replying to Mr. Wilson's statement that his hands were tied, Mr. Steele said that if the grand exalted ruler could run up an expense account of $2,000 with his hands tied, he hoped the grand lodge would keep them tied. Several members seconded the nomination of Mr. Bates.

Bates Won, 3 to 1.

Whatever opposition there was against Mr. Bates seemed to fade, for when the vote was taken it was found he had defeated his opponent by a count of more than 3 to 1.

Much of the opposition against James T. Carter as grand treasurer also seemed to fade, for he defeated the other candidates—C. Tiffany Toliver of Roanoke, Va., James C. Martin of Chicago and the Rev. George W. Avant of Durham, N. C.—by a wide margin.

Although Mr. Wilson and his lieutenants succeeded in maintaining the best order during the convention, there were several incidents which would indicate that the Grand Exalted Ruler is not so popular with the rank and file of the organization as he once was. One incident in particular indicated this. During the course of a discussion of some point, a member arose in the gallery and began to denounce the Order's head, using profane language in doing so. The Grand Exalted Ruler stopped the proceedings and demanded that the offending member be put out for using blasphemous language in the House of God. The member was put out but the steam-roller methods did not seem to meet with the full approval of the others.

The next big fight came on selection of place for the next convention. Toronto, Can., Detroit, Mich., Washington, D. C. and St. Louis Mo., opposed New York in its efforts to land the 28th annual session. Again the grand exalted ruler opposed the New York Elks in their efforts to bring the convention to their city.

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Wilson and Steele Shake Hands

After the vote had been taken and it was seen that New York had won Mr. Wilson and J. Dalmus Steele of New York shook hands, and the grand exalted ruler promised his whole hearted cooperation in making the next convention the best in the history of the Order.

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Sen. Willis Welcomed Elks

The convention was officially opened Tuesday morning at Mt. Zion Temple Congregational Church. The Grand Temple met at Shilo Baptist Church. They were officially welcomed to the city Monday afternoon at the Masonic auditorium by City Manager Wiliams R. Hawkins and United States Senator Frank B. Willis joined in extending the welcome. Other welcome addresses were made by ex-State Senator John P. Green and Mrs. Lethia C. Fleming.

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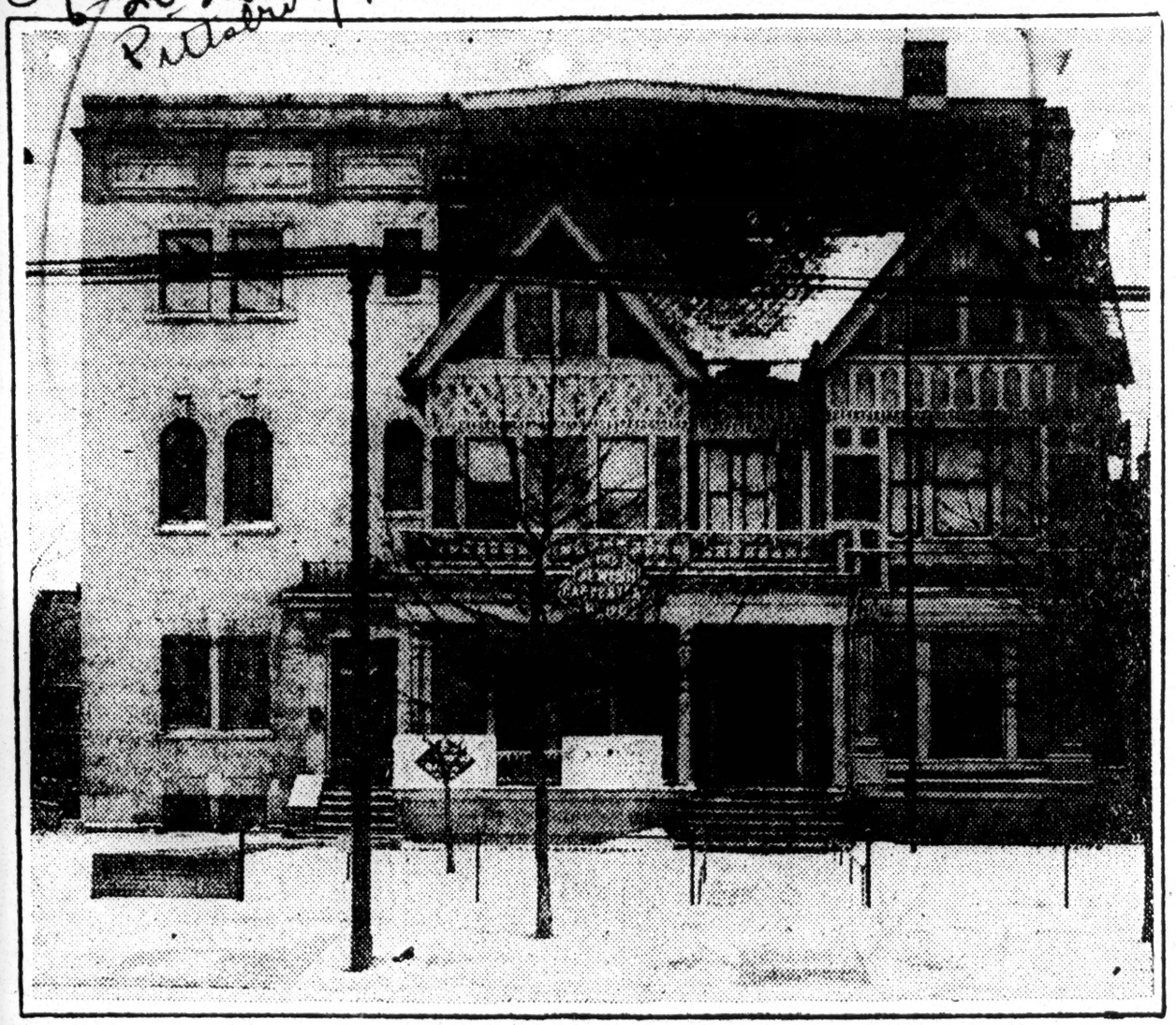
"Hello" Bills" Will Meet Here In August



This is the new $150,000 home of Cuyahoga Lodge No. 95, Elks of the World, Cleveland, Ohio, where national Elkdom will meet in August. Exalted Ruler Shaw, Councilman Thomas W. Fleming, J. Wilson, Stephen Ball, William H. Burrell, Ed Johnson and all of the members are planning to give the "Hello Bills" the time of their lives.

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By Louis R. Lautier
Staff Correspondent

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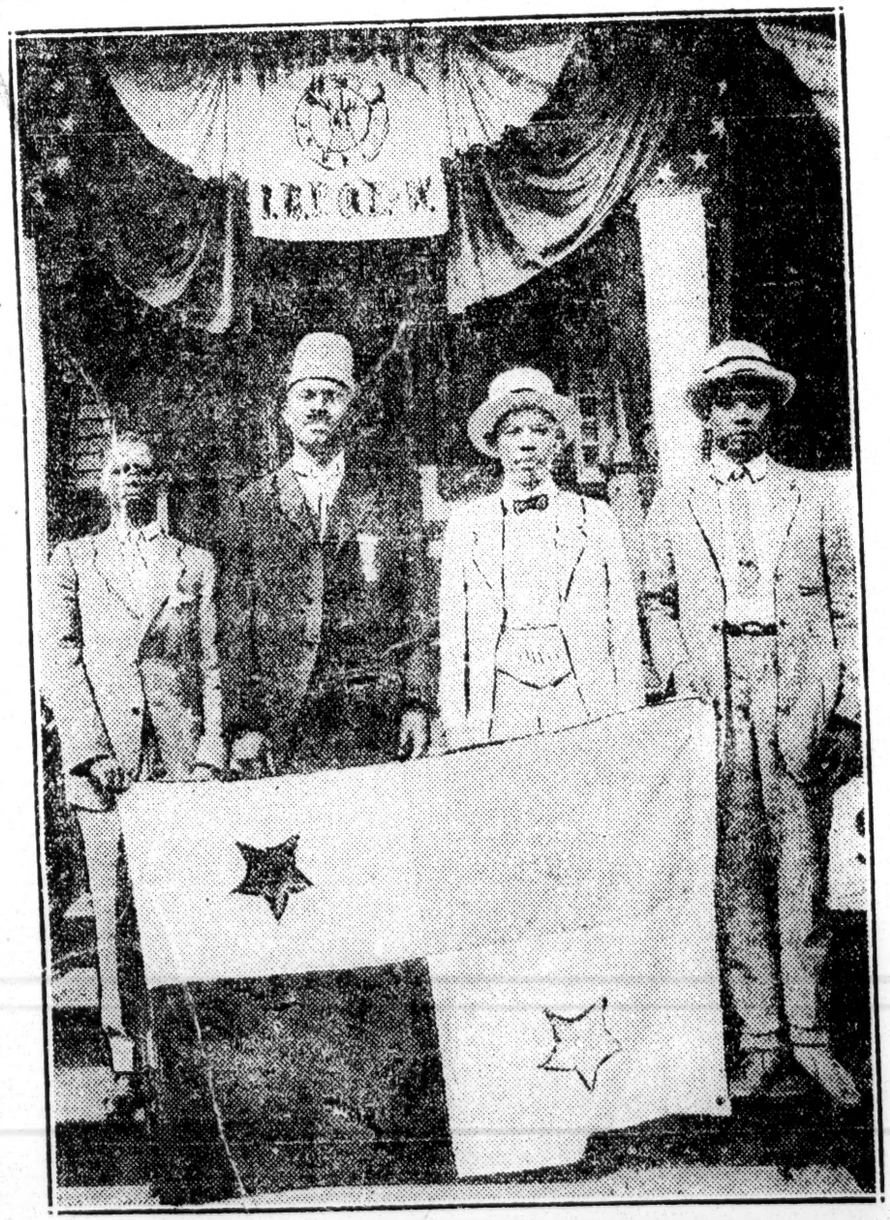
Elk Delegates From Porto Rico



The first time in the history of Elkdom delegates to the Grand Lodge came from such far away places as Porto Rico. Left to right: E. Belen, Universal Lodge, Bayomon, Porto Rico; Carlos C. Valle, Grand Organizer. Atty. B. Florez, Panama City; Hermogenez Mahomes, Abraham Lincoln Lodge, San Juan, P. R.; Gonzalo Rivera a delegate from Thomas Morrison Lodge, Ponce, P. R., was unable to be present as he met with an accident while touring enroute to Cleveland.

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FINLEY WILSON'S "STEAM ROLLER" FLATTENS PACE

George E. Bates Re-elected Grand Secretary by 590 to 38 Votes --- James T. Carter to Serve Another Term as Grand Treasurer --- Convention Spectacular

By J. A. ROGERS

CLEVELAND, O.—By far the most important event in the twenty-seventh annual Elks' convention, which came to a close here Saturday, was the three-cornered fight, in which Harry Pace, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, sought the defeat of George E. Bates of Newark, N. J., Grand Secretary, as well as that of James T. Carter of Richmond, Va., Grand Treasurer, on the ground of mismanagement, inefficiency, and failure to give preference to colored enterprises. For two of the four and a half days of actual session this now famous dispute lasted, and when the smoke of battle finally cleared amid scenes of wildest excitement, Pace found himself so flattened by the Wilson steam-roller that to save his face he demanded that the election of Bates be made unanimous. Of 590 delegates up to this period only thirty-eight had voted for Pace, who was seeking Bates' post. Immediately after came the nomination of Carter, and he was re-elected by acclamation.

The Charges

Pace's charges against Bates, in brief, were that he gave in the past two years printing amounting to $7,712 to a white firm and only $250 to a colored one; further, that he has been in office too long—this is his sixteenth term—and that as a good brother Elk he ought to step out and give someone else a chance; also, that Bates has drawn to date $25,000 in salary, which is, he says, too much, since he alleges that the Grand Secretaryship now is really a sun-down job, as Bates works by day for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The main charge against Carter was that of depositing $50,000 of the funds with white banks at a low rate of interest, and only $10,000 with colored ones, at a high rate. Bates, in his defense, said that he had given the printing to the white firm because of lower rates; while Carter replied that in depositing the funds of the order he had only followed the instructions of the grand Lodge; further, that fully two-thirds of the funds were now in colored banks.

Pace further insisted that the auditing had been irregular in many instances, and that one sum of $783, notably, had not been accounted for. The funds, he also declared, should be invested in first mortgages with struggling lodges trying to buy their homes.

On the other hand, friends of Bates insisted that Finley Wilson was in favor of Pace, and that Bates won on sheer popularity and good service.

Fight Against Wilson.

Less spectacular but equally determined was the attempt of a group of insurgents led by Magistrate Edward Henry of Philadelphia to get the scalp of the Grand Exalted Ruler, but here, also, the Wilson machine rose to the occasion, and the Philadelphia judge got a scant vote of 200 out of a possible thousand, sweeping Finley into office for the fifth time.

Magistrate Henry, in his open air campaigns, attacked Wilson as "a czar," who had been using the order "to further his own ends," insisted that Wilson "was intoxicated with power," and asked the brothers to Free Elkdom from "this octopus."

This statement, by the way, found little aceptance. If Wilson is what his opponents call him then he has certainly mastered the Shakespearean formula of masking his designs in smiles and affability; he is possessed of an unusually winning personality, which has made him very popular both inside and outside of Elkdom. Besides he has accomplished much in his four years of office: the membership and the number of lodges have been more than trebled, while the funds in the treasury have been increased from $39,000 to $100,000.

To an outsider an Elks' convention has all the earmarks of a political convention. There is the same atmosphere of intrigue, the same bitter jockeying for office; the same faithful herd-like masses—the term herd is appropriate here—shouting uncritically for the few and the same charges and counter-charges, most of them frothy, melting into air after election. Rumors of immorality, for instance, were being freely circulated against Bates, charges of which Pace declared himself ignorant, and which the convention refused to consider. Like the matter of President Harding's supposed Negro ancestry being broadcast on the eve of the election, both friend and foe appeared to be shocked at the charge against Bates, yet it was certainly started in the interest of someone.

Daughter Elks.

A few blocks away the Daughter Elks held their convention. This, while not so stormy, was more successful so far as insurgency was concerned: Mrs. Ella Berry of Chicago succeeded in deposing Mrs. Laura E. Williams of New York, former grand daughter ruler.

The number of delegates to both conventions, the visiting Elks and other visitors were estimated at fifty thousand, and came from every state in the Union, from Cuba, Porto Rico, Bahamas, Panama, Canada and Mexico, a total of 708 lodges, with 32 bands of music. The sidewalk of East 55th street, the Lenox avenue of Cleveland, was taxed to its capacity and has probably heard more music than at any time in its history. The Mi-tee Monarch Band of New York City was easily the finest and gave several concerts in the white sections of the city, receiving great applause.

City Officials.

The city officials evidently spared no pains to make the visitors comfortable. On East 55th street fully a mile of gala lights were hung over the streets at the city's expense; the traffic department by its efficient handling contributed much to the smooth running of the big parade; extra police were detailed to guard the visitors from pickpockets, while one of the boulevards of the city was closed for the parade.

At the welcoming exercises held in the Masonic Auditorium, City Manager William R. Hopkins and U. S. Senator Willis gave addreses of welcome which rang true; the white press devoted, in some instances, the entire front page to pictures of the officers and accounts of the convention. Indeed, Cleveland lived up to its reputation of liberality to the colored citizen.

Much of the official welcoming is due to the efforts of Thomas W. Fleming, exalted ruler of Cuyahoga lodge, who has the reputation of being the city's best beloved councilman, with his famous smile Councilman Fleming appeared to be almost everywhere seeing to the many events on each day's program.

But that was that. Different was the impression regarding hotels, landladies and restaurants, the owners of which, in the main, descended on the visitors like Jersey mosquitoes with a song of hospitality and a sting. Prices were doubled, and even quadrupled. One hotel demanded and reveived as high as five dollars a day for rooms which rented to regular guests at $25 a month. One colored cafeteria, Phyllis Wheatley, doubled its prices, having one price for visitors and another for regular patrons. Several New Yorkers called my attention to this. I, in turn, told Editor Forte of the Cleveland Herald, who instantly took up the matter personally, and brought about an even price for all. The Herald, by the way, is an up-to-date and well-edited paper.

The convention will be held in New York next year and let's hope that New Yorkers will omit either the song of hospitality or the profiteering.

The sudden death of Gilchrist Stewart cast a gloom over the convention and did much to mar the pleasure of the New York delegation particularly. He was taken ill at 1.30 a. m. with cramps and died 45 minutes later.

Other Features.

Other high-lights of the convention were the grand parade which was carried out with the pep and snap of veteran marchers. Fezzes and costumes of purple and gold, floats, and decorated autos made a moving mass of pleasing color as the procession swung along to the music of the many bands. City Manager Hopkins and other leading officials occupied the reviewing stand along with the grand officers of the order.

Herbert Julian flew over the parade in a plane.

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Most noticeable was the good behavior, a drunken person being a rare sight. As usual there was an abundance of Elks' milk.

Results.

The convention closed Saturday afternoon after hearing reports of committees, including that of the fidelity fund, which affects increased taxation of members. A scholarship fund of $70,000 was voted for the children of poor Elks, and $1,000 for education in Africa, but in so far as getting down to a consideration of, or having a program of real vital moment to group, very little seems to have been accomplished. The immediate beneficial effect of the convention was the outing it gave to thousands and the opportunity for exchange of contact and ideas. In a word it was a great exhibition of jaw power, which left the railroads several hundred thousand dollars richer.

The resolution in favor of the Pullman Porters' Brotherhood was shelved.

As one high official of Elkdom confided to me, a golden opportunity was lost to do something of vital worth to the race. The Negro, he said, with his low economic condition, his high infant mortality, and other ills ought to make every move count on such occasions.

This same official who asked not to be quoted said that the more practical men in the order regarded the Pace-Bates dispute as a healthy sign, and declared that if the voting had been by secret ballot and not by word of mouth all would not have gone so swimmingly with the present administration. Many, he told me, were afraid to be openly known as opposing the administration. Another leading Elk, a southern business men, made a similar comment.

New Officers.

Other officers elected were:

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MOOSE LODGE SEEKS TO ENJOIN NEGROES

Court Is Asked to Prevent Use of Rituals, Emblems and Name

A suit for an injunction to prevent members of the Paramount Progressive Order of Moose, a negro organization, from wearing the emblem or from using the word "moose" in its title, was filed in the civil district court Friday by the New Orleans Lodge No. 477, of the Loyal Order of Moose.

The New Orleans lodge, of which Nat W. Bond is dictator, asserted it held the exclusive right to the use of the rituals, emblems and name of the Moose body and that continuation of the use of them by the negro body would injure the standing of the lodge. It alleged it would be damaged to the extent of $2000.

The court issued an order directing A. W. Brazier, leader of the negro organization, to show cause why it should not be enjoined from using the emblem, uniform and name of the Order of Moose.

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Order In Four Day Convention At Atlantic Ocean Resort

FIGHT WAGED FOR GAVEL DICTATOR

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The Burrell regime is bitterly opposed on the grounds of inactivity although the man is willing.

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The present grand lodge officers are Nathaniel Burrell, Asbury Park, grand dictator; John M. Stoute, Newark, N. J., grand secretary; Joseph S. Ware, Washington, D. C., grand treasurer; William Smith, Baltimore, grand vice-dictator; A. L. Patterson, Richmond, Va., grand lecturing dictator; D. A. Baile, Atlantic City, N. J., grand master dictator at work; R. H. Collins, Baltimore, grand organizers; Rev. W. A. Braxton, Richmond, Va., grand prelate; Samuel Taylor, Baltimore, grand sergeant-at-arms; A. V. Perba, Asbury Park, grand assistant secretary; Wm. H. Price, Baltimore, grand inner guard; Walter Whyler, Baltimore, grand outer guard; W. B. Brandon, Newark, N. J., grand legal adviser; W. C. Matthews, Boston, Mas., former Harvard football star, grand director of athletics; C. W. Edwards, (one year), J. H. Stewart, Atlantic City (two years), and William H. Nelson, Baltimore, (three years) are trustees.

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Grand Chapter Officers include Bessie J. Waddell, Boston, Mass., G. M. N. Queen; B. H. Johns, Baltimore, G. M. N. Fin. Sec.; Virginia Lewis, Newark, G. M. N. Treasurer; Mary Edwards, Asbury Park, G. M. N. Vice Queen; Richetta Price, Richmond, Va., G. M. Chaplain; Sadie Barnett, Boston, mistress of arms; Mary Holt, Newark, conductress; Matilda Hawkins, Asbury Park, marshall; Carrie V. Jones, Asbury Park, Rec. Sec.; Katie C. oGodloe, Washington, Asst. Mistress of Arms; Elizabeth Blair, Atlantic City, directress; Florence Perry, Boston, inner Gaurd; Edna French, Washington, outer guard; City, one year; Elizabeth Fisher, Newark, two years; Margaret Clemmons, Baltimore, three years.

EXTRA

John R. Smith, of Baltimore, elected Grand Dictator of B. P. O. of Reindeer in bitter fight Tuesday night at Marrow's Hall, Lake avenue and Langford street. Opponents were Nathaniel Burrell for a terms dictator, and George Wallace Edwards, of Asbury Park. Parade Wednesday, led by Asbury Park Reindeer Band, later joined by Monarch Band of I. B. P. O. of Elks of New York.

N. Y. FOR ELKS MAY MEAN SPLIT

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 9.—(By A. N. P.)—The Grand Lodge of Elks voted by a majority of six to take the next session of the Grand Lodge to New York. Detroit was the other chief contender. Baltimore and Montreal were in the voting.

The decision to go to New York, however, threatens serious possibilities for Elkdom. Previous to leaving Cleveland, a committee session was called, headed by R. V. Ridley, Chicago, for the purpose of protesting against holding the session in New York on account of the infamous Grattin law, which prohibits a Negro Elk from wearing any kind of insignia of the order in the state. It is argued that a session in New York may mean the complete destruction of the order, and a number of the old line members are utterly opposed to the procedure.

Ridley claims there are more than 110 lodges that have already signified their opposition to the eastern metropolis. Among the men opposed, according to Ridley, are Howard Gertz, Syracuse, N. Y.; Frank Sutton and Charles Stewart, Pittsburgh; Tiffany Tolliver, Roanoke; Homer Phillips, St. Louis; Ole Jackson and Charles Joiner, Omaha; Dr. S. A. Huff, Denver, Colo.; Pete Bryand and J. E. Rowlette, Detroit; Geo. Rideout, Youngstown; Clarence Shaw, Cleveland; J. L. Marshall, Champaign, Ill., and Roscoe Weaver of Zanesville, Ohio.

It was evident in the voting for the next session that the friends of Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson preferred Detroit for the next meeting place, not only on account of the New York law, but on account of the big eastern lodges in New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and other points being hostile to the Wilson administration. It is argued by Wilson proponents that even if the law did not exist, the low-down of the New York movement is to dethrone Wilson.

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Household of Ruth.

MRS. PARKER HEADS DAUGHTERS OF RUTH

Re-elected Most Worthy Grand Superior For Next Two Years

SALARY BOOST ONLY NATIONAL LEGISLATION

Between Interin Pay Of Head Raised From $25 To $75 Monthly

Carrying back into office with her all but two of her staff, Mrs. Mary A. Parker of Washington, was re-elected Most Worthy Superior of the Household of Ruth assembled in session during the B. M. C. of Odd Fellows here Friday night.

The women's sessions, which were held at Sharp street M. E. Church assembled in their first meeting with the Odd Fellows in the Richmond Market Armory. There was a total of 545 women from various states present.

Outstanding features of the sessions held at Sharp street included addreses by Capt. Prudence Penn military escort; Mrs. [illegible] of Kentucky; Mrs. H. [illegible] Caroline of Arkansas.

Finances Good

The report of the Grand Auditor showed that during the past two years the various Households of Ruth had paid in taxes and other national assessments a total of $65,417.

Music and solos were rendered during the session by Mrs. M. E. Washington of Indiana; Mrs. Irma S. Powell of North Carolina and Mrs. Pearle Franklin of Tennessee.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Martha J. Wells, Pennsylvania, W. G. S.; Mrs. B. E. deToscano, New York, W. G. R.; Mrs. Eliza Warner California, G. W. T.; Mrs. M. E. Washington, Indiana, G. W. P.; Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Florida, G. W. U.; Mrs. M. E. Ford, Tennessee, G. W. C.; Mrs. A. L. Alexander, North Carolina, G. W. S.; Mrs. M. Layten and Mrs. Florence Cochran, committee.

HOUSEHOLD OF RUTH IN BI-ENNIAL SESSION AT BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md. Sept. 20—The Ninth Biennial Session of the Grand Household of Ruth was held in the beautiful city of Baltimore, Md. The representatives of this body, together with the representatives of the great B. M. C. and a vast host of visitors, filled to overflowing the Richmond Market Armory, Monday morning, September 13th.

Indicative of the good will and high esteem in which the delegations hold their superior officers were the beautiful flowers and many gifts bestowed.

The choice of the following officers was for the most part unanimous.

Mrs. Mary A. Parker, D. C., M. W. G. S.; Mrs. Martha J. Walls, Pa. R. W. G., S.; Mrs. B. E. de Toscano, N. Y., G. W. R.; Mrs. M. E. Washington, Ind., G. W. P.; Mrs. A. L. Anderson, Fla., G. W. U.; Mrs. M. E. Floyd, Tenn., G. W. C.; Mrs. A. L. Alexander, N C., G. W. S.; Mrs. Layten, Va., and Mrs. Florence Cochran, O., Committee on Government.

The next Bi-ennial meeting will be held in Chicago, Ill., in 1928.

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Independent Order of Saint Luke

Office: 900-2-4 St. James Street, Richmond, Virginia

Independent Order of St. Luke —101.4% Solvent

Representatives Answer Call at Harrisburg, Pa.

Courier 11-20-26 Pittsburgh Pa.

ATTORNEY J. THOS. HEWIN, Actuary F. M. Speakman, of Philadelphia, Pa., and the R. W. G. Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, representing the above named order, were present Tuesday, November 9, at Harrisburg, Pa., in answer to the call of the Commissioner of Insurance, "to show cause why the license of the Order should not be revoked."

Every requirement of the Bureau of Insurance of Pennsylvania had been met by the Independent Order of St. Luke.

The fraternal business of 26 Societies operating in the state of Pennsylvania for the past seven years had been compiled by the officers of Insurance; this compilation formed the basis of the call.

Every year for these seven years the St. Luke Order had filed a Valuation Report which averaged from 101 to 105%. Every year for the seven years, there was a Net Increase for the Order, both in finance and in members. One Criticism was given by the Commissioner, which was thoroughly explained and cleared most satisfactorily; that was, "that the Order's Overhead Expense was excessive and should be reduced." This criticism was accepted as helpful, and will be duly adjusted in the Order's budget for 1927.

The St. Luke Order stood 100% good, and its license was not revoked, in that **no** law of the state had been violated, but every requirement met and solvency substantiated beyond question.

The meeting held in the great state house was one full of information for the St. Luke representatives, and the day was profitably spent. The work goes on as before, and we are urging, particularly the Subordinate Councils of Pennsylvania, to be ready to make full reports the night of the Rally, Thursday, December 2, at Miller's Memorial Church, 8. p. m. Every officer and member is expected to be present to answer the roll call. The Matrons will make their report at the same meeting. A great time is expected.

MAGGIE L. WALKER, R. W. G. Sec.-Treas.

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International Benevolent Society.

International Benevolent Society Holds Annual Session

Eufala, Ala. Aug 28—The Ninteenth Annual session of the International Benevolent Society opened its anual session at the First African Baptist Church, Eufaula, Ala., Tuesday, Aug. 24 1926 at 3 p. m. with National Grand President, Dr. R. H. Cobb presiding eldr over 200 delegates representing various lodges from five different states present.

This order is one of the strongest of its kind in the state. It has over $20,000 in cash over 200 lodges, 13,000 or more members a building worth over $50,000. This building is of brick structure with three stores on main floor, hotel on upper floor and harness shop in basement. It is located on one of the main streets of Columbus Ga. This large structure is a credit to any society and all credit to any society and all credit should be given our National Grand President for securing such valuable property for the order.

This society has 12 instrumen band with a capable leader which renders excellent music for all Grand Lodge occasions.

This order also owns its undertaking establishment located in our own building. This establishment for this year netted over $1,000.

An excellent musical and literary program was rendered at the Baptist church by local talent of the city and Several Grand Lodge officers. Among the many was the address of Welcome by Judge Parks. He pointed out several facts about the progress of our race and almost assured the colored citizens of Eufaula that some day in the near future their public school system and building would be improved.

Business session opened Wednesday at 9 a. m. with devotional exercises by National Grand Chaplain and National Grand President, Dr. R. H. Cobb, presiding.

The National Grand President delivered his address which was the best he has ever delivered.

Reports from all Grand Lodge officers were read and were creditable to any order. The report of National Grand Secretary and National Grand Treasurer showed increase financially and numerically.

Several interesting remarks were made, among them was the one made by National Grand Deputy, Mary L. Moore of Americus, Ga., National Grand Treasurer, Dr. E. J. Turner and others.

After the reading of reports the same corps of officers were elected as follows.

Dr. R. H. Cobb, Nat. Grand Pres.; Miss F. J. Howard, Nat. Grand Secty.; L. O. King, Nat. Grand V- Pres.; Dr. E. J. Turner, Nat. Grand Treas.; Rev. J. L. Butler, Nat. Grand Chaplain; Rev. B. J. Powell, Nat. Grand Lecturer Sister Mary L. Moore, Nat. Grand Deputy; Sister Lizzie Stenson, Nat. Grand Asst. Secretary; Sister Lena Hurst, Nat. Juvenile Deputy.

Several prominent ministers attended the sessions. Among them were: Rev. M. A. Fountain, pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church, Columbus; Rev. Moore, of St Marks Church Columbus, Ga.; Rev. B. J. Powell of Cuthbert, Ga. The wife of Bishop W. D. Johnson of Texas is also among the delegation. Prof. S. R. Marshall, principal of one of Columbus Public Schools, Dr. Cobb of Thomasville, Ga. Bro. of our National Grand President are some of the most outstanding delegates attending the Grand Lodge session.

Several others from various other states of the south and north are also attending this session.

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Knights and Daughters of the World.

Major General Carter Home From Convention

Major General George H. Carter has returned from an extensive trip from the West, to visit the supreme encampment of the Knights and Daughters of the World which met at Springfield, Illinois. He was accompanied by Mary E. Moseley, Imperial Worthy Mistress and many other delegates. He entered the Imperial Temple, Monday morning after a pleasant rest in the William's Hotel.

The Temple was the finest ever witnessed, owned by colored people. At ten o'clock, the gavel sounded and Imperial Regent Morris Williams read his report.

The session was a quiet one, void of brawls. Major General George H. Carter of Baltimore read his report. It was received with applause, also his recommendation for the betterment of the uniform department. That every Knight and Daughter in America contribute twenty-five cents a year for the support of the uniform department, was approved. Now the door of success swings wide for the Uniform Department for the Knights and Daughters of Honor.

On the day of the parade the first division was commanded by Major General Carter, second division by J. W. Hill, of Massachusetts; third division by G. W. Ford, of Illinois. The parade moved promptly at two o'clock, headed by the commanding chief and staff. The route led to the home of Abraham Lincoln which was entered by the Major General and his officers, thence to the tomb where the divisions formed a circle. Our colors were folded in military form and covered the marble casket that was stationed over the body of the Ex-President. The military ceremony was conducted by Rev. J. H. Hill, Sergeant General. A wreath of natural flowers was placed on the marble casket by the Major General. The stars and stripes were secured and the division returned to the Imperial Temple.

General George H. Carter, was re-elected by acclamation and has returned home to recruit new members for the order.

Secret Societies - 1926 I.

Knights and Daughters of Tabor.

Adair Re-Elected Chief Grand Mentor By Acclamation.

Has Served as Head of Tabor For 9 Years. Over 900 Delegates Attend Meeting. Best Address of Career. Financial and Membership Departments Grow. Over 6.000 New Knights and Daughters. $200,000 Collected

Dallas Express 7-3-26

TYLER, Texas, July 3—In an oration seldom ever equalled for the intensity of its appearance, Chief Grand Mentor J. S. Adair was re-elected to his ninth term as head of the Taborians of Texas Tuesday afternoon. For more than five minutes after the close of his address which is generally conceded to be greatest of his whole career, the more than 900 delegates to this 39th grand session cheered him to the echo and at once rose to pass the motion that he be re-elected by acclamation. This action was taken on Tuesday afternoon.

Dallas Tyler

Beginning Monday morning with a welcome to the city of Tyler by City Manager Powell, the convention has gone with a precision that has seldom been equalled. Large numbers of the citizens of Tyler are to be constantly seen in attendance at the meetings and everything is working smoothly in the matter of the entertainment of the visitors whose number is estimated at 900. They have been pouring into the city since early Sunday and all of the available homes are filled with Knights and Daughters who are filled with a new enthusiasm for the spread of the order.

Sessions being held at Butler College.

All of the meetings of the session are being held at Butler College, formerly known as East Texas Academy and many of the delegates are being housed on the campus of the school. The auditorium of the school is being used for the meetings but it is proving rather small for the accomodation of all of those present at each meeting. The beautiful campus and the air of hospitality which is everywhere apparent is rapidly marking President Butler and his faculty as well fitted for the role of host which they have assumed.

A. D. Jackson heard in masterful esponse of Welcome

The whole of the convention is unanimous in its agreement that the response of Dr. A. S. Jackson, member of the order and Secretary of Education of the A. M. E. Church to the welcome of City Manager Powell was one of the most eloquent of his whole carreer. In no uncertain terms and in a voice vibrant with emation he told of the progress of the race in spite of many obstacles and of the large contribution which it had made to the merican commonwealth. He told of the splendid war record of black troops and of the contribution in cultural lines of the many writers and artists of the race along many lines and declared that the time had come when the American white man should give him due credit for the will to achieve and should aid him in visible ways to become in reality a free and untrammeled American.

Other numbers on the program included addresses and responses delivered by the following persons; Sirs. H. C. Blakemore, H. M. McBay, J. A. Johnson President Butler, C. C. McDaniel, A. L. Strode, C. L. Humber; Daughters Ardelia Jones L. Ballard, Nina Taylor, L. L. Patton, Ella Taylor W. E. Pettie, Ardelia Linthicum and others.

"6000 New Members and $200,00 is Record of the Year."

Excerpts from the speech of Chief Grand Mentor Adair indicated that the order had grown by 6000 members since the meeting in San Antonia last year, and the collections for the year were $200,000. These 6000 new membrs have been placed in 65 new bodies of the order as well as in many of the old bodies of the state. Grand Mentor Adair discussed at length the condition of the race in Averica as well as many of the things which were of particular interest to the members of the order as such. He began his address with an appeal to the membership generally to observe the Golden Rule in all of their dealings because of the need of the world for more of kindness and practical Christianity. Said he, we are facing a new crisis that we have never faced before. There seems to be a restlessness, an upheaval, strife and contention in all walks of life, for Federal, State and Home Government. They all seem to be permeated from every angle with greed and graft In fact, all men, social religious, educational and professional seem like they are self-centered on personal gains and selfish ambitions. But, somebody, somwhere at sometime must call this old mean world to a halt and teach by precept as well as by example the human familythat they must respect the rights and privileges of their brothers, because we all should be our brother's keeper, and obey and keep theGolden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

May we all learn this lesson to obey and keep the principles of the Order. We all should be grateful to the Founders of this great Order, always be ready and willing to thoroughly impress the spirit of race consciousness to our youth that we may be able to leave to the world a code of rules that will stand the test of all ages because we all are living in an age of new inventions(new ideas new thoughts; in an age where men run and read; in an age where we can sit in America at our breakfast and read the facts and doings in London and France.

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In speaking of the progress of the race in a material way in the South he declared that: "This should be a matter of pride rather than indifferent to his economic wel-

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M. A. WHEELER, G. H. P., Knights and Daughters of Tabor

fare as the Negro may seem at times, he is nevertheless making substantial welfare in the accumulation of wealth. For instance in 1866 there were only 12,000 homes owned by Negroes in the entire Nation. Today there are 650,000. In the first year after the war Negroes were operating for themselves 290,000 farms while today they own and operate 1,000,000 farms. The number of business institutions conducted by the Negroes have increased from 2100 in the days following the Emancipation to 60,000 at the present time. It is doubtful as to whether any other race has equalled this record of progress in the same time. It is to be recalled that the Negro in only sixty-three years out of slavery and that he had to begin minus material and educational resources The older generation of Negroes now living came into their freedom with little but their physical strength and their training for labor which they had acquired as slaves; but the worthy Negro has something intagible that has been of immense benefit to him in getting along. The good will of the Southern white man has been a friend to the Negro in helping him to work out his destiny in the world, though all sides are not developed as they should have been they have done well. In hundreds of places where Negroes have been striving to acqure property they have been helped quietly and unknown by some white men. We must consider that we are all human and that public sentiment states that you are right, you can get by, but if public sentiment is against you, you are doomed regardless of conditions. All business men in the South are acquainted with conditions and know well that this is true. Negroes are still being aided by white friends. Any industrial and reliable Negro in any community soon finds some one who is willing and ready to help him in buying a home. We should not be pessimistic in our ideas toward the white man but have sagacious ideas and be optimistic toward all men. If we are to do the right thing void of contention we should think radically and act otherwise.

In conclusion he paid a high tribute to one of the oldest members of the order, Sir W. H. Jackson who passed during the year, told of the need of more active effort on the part of members and their need to pay less attention to the criticism of others and wound up with a plea that the beneficiaries cease to waste the money from the policies of their deceased relatives and save some for the proverbial "rainy day."

Treasurer Mayfield makes Report

The report of Grand Treasurer indicates that the average quarterly collections of the order during the year were more than $34,000 and that the total collections were approximately $200,000, and the order has a substantial balance to its credit with all of its bills paid for the current quarter.

The report of Chief Grand Scribe H. L. Smith corroborated in every detail the fiscal reports of Mentor Adair and Grand Tr Mayfield.

Better Risks this Year than ev Says Dr. Fridia...

According to the reports of Dr. J. W. Fridia, Grand Medical Advisor of the order, in the many thousands of applications received by the order this year, there was more evidence of selection than ever before. He actually passed on and recommended for reception into the order about 6000 members some of whom were reinstated more than 2000 of whom were new members and the balance taken over from the Tent department. He recommended with the concurrance of Grand Mentor Adair that a special policy be issued for those new members over fifty years of ago who made application for membership into the order. If passed, this policy will be about $200

Many Notables Present at all Sessions

Figures familiar to all in Texas and famous in many walks of life are to be constantly seen about the convention grounds. Among those seen early in the session were; Hon. W. F. Bledsoe of the U. B. of F. in his new Cadillac sedan accompanied by his chauffeur, Attorney R. D. Evans, Attorney J. W. Barbour, Rev. Boone of Temple, The Brothers W. L. and S. Dixon, Presidents W. R. Banks and Butler, Rev. E. M. Griggs, Dr. A. S. Jackson, Prof. A. E. Holland, Prof. H. M. Storey, Prof. J. A Johnson Prof. Jesse Washington, E. L. Humber, Dr. H. L Smith, Dr. W R. Roberts, Dr. J. W Fridia, Mesdames Lavender, Wheeler and all of the other officials of the grand lodge.

No Changes in Official Family

According to all appearances early in the meetings of the grand lodge few changes in the official family were indicated in any way. Beginning with the annual message of the Grand Mentor Adair, it was apparent that all af the cabinet had work with such harmony as to make him completely satisfied with the official family as it was and there was little likelihood of any change at all.

Uniform Companies Quartered on Grounds.

Conspicuous by their uniforms were several companies of ladies who came this year to compete with the men in the annual drill competition generally held by Tabor on the last night of the annual session. Bright green ribbons over white uniforms predominate in the color scheme and the passage of the members of the company makes a picture which cannot be soon forgotten.

Other features of the week other than the regular meetings of the grand lodge include the annual parade which was participated in by all of the delegates the uniform rank and members of the general citizenry in decorated cars Many new robes for the Priestesses are in evidence and there is reason to feel that this appearance of the order will be far surpass anything of former years. The best evidence of this was abtained on Tuesday night when all of the delegates in full regalia marched into tse chapel of the school for the annual Memorial service when the sermon was preached by Rev. A. L. Ditto, Grand Orator of the jurisdiction.

Grand Mentor of Georgia Present at Meeting

The Supreme Grand Lodge of Tabor was represented at the meeting by Hon. E. M. Turner, Vice Grand Mentor of the world and Chief Grand Mentor of the state of Georgia who was introduced at the meeting Monday morning and who remained throughout the whole of the meeting.

Conspicuous on all of the occasions of the Grand Lodge and especially on those on which music was required, was the Taborian band of Greenville which was composed largely of ladies. This is the first Taborian Band to appear in an official capacity at a grand session and much applause greeted it on every occasion.

J. S. ADAIR, C. G. M.,
Knights and Daughters of Tabor, "Elected to Serve 9th Term"

W. L. SMITH, C. G. S.
Knights and Daughters of Tabor

Late C. E. W. DAY, C. G. M.
Who preceded J. S. Adair, as head of Tabor

F. L. LAVENDER, C. C. P.,
Knights and Daughters of Tabor

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Knights and Daughters of Tabor

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Dallas, Texas

O. M. MAYFIELD, C. G. T.,
Knights and Daughters of Tabor

PLAN $75,000 FRATERNAL HOSPITAL FOR ARKANSAS

PINE BLUFF, Ark., July 28.—By a vote of a majority of four to one the Arkansas members of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor holding their thirty-ninth annual meeting here agrees to spend $75,000 in the purchase of a hopital to be located in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The needs of the organization hospital was vehemently discussed by Tom [illegible] of Pine Bluff, John Evans of Little Rock, [illegible] Townsend of Camden and John Claiborne of Malvern. One of the institutions under consideration for the hospital is the Great Southern Hospital located at 816 West Ninth street in Little Rock.

Approximately 1000 members registered for the meeting.

7-30-26
St. Louis Mo.

Deal Alleged to Have Been Kept Secret Until After Meet of Grand Lodge. Property All Transferred

Little Rock. Ark., Oct. 9—(A. N. P.)—Special—The race lost another business enterprise, when the Knights and Daughters of Tabor was taken over lock, stock and barrel by the Standard Life Insurance Company of Eureka Springs, Ark. This deal was kept secret by the officials of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor from the public and it was not until Monday, when the information concerning the deal became known, although the papers in the matter had been approved by the Insurance Department of Arkansas on September 7.

The consideration was not made public but nevertheless as far as is able to determine by the delegates who attended the Grand Session of Pine Bluff, the matter had never been authorized by the Grand Session. When the Grand Session met in regular convention in Pine Bluff on July 20th no mention was made of the fact that the order was in such a rocky condition and that it would be necessary to sell the order's insurance department and buildings to some other concern the following week. Although, there was current rumor about the state that the order was insolvent and owed more than $55,000 worth of death cleaims, the officers denied this, stating that a real estate loan on the building at Ninth and State streets known as Taborian Hall for $25,000 would put the Order in a "very good shape."

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Papers filed with the State Insurance Department show that the Standard Life Insurance Company has undertaken to underwrite the insurance business of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor. The agreement was signed by W. E. Patterson, President and W. G. Ignalls, Secretary of the Standard Life Insurance Company and Scipio A. Jordan, Chief Grand Mentor and J. H. Hammonds, Grand Secretary of the Knights of Tabor. The Standard Life Insurance Company is the Arkansas Company organized by white men which now owns the former Standard Life of Georgia. The Knights and Daughters of Tabor until about five years ago was considered one of the strongest Colored fraternal societies in Arkansas. It has been operating its insurance department for about twenty years and has a membership of 14,250 members. The department records at the State House show that the Tabors was the first Colored society to begin insurance business in Arkansas. The written agreement transfers the Taborian Hall at Ninth and State and 111 acres of country property owned by the Knights of Tabor to the Standard Life. The property listed about has an estimated valued of $125,000 with an encumbrance of $25,000.

It is said the Knights and Daughters of Tabor will not issue any additional or further membership certificates after July 21, 1926, but these certificates will be written by the Standard Life Insurance Company and that the Knights and Daughters of Tabor go out of the insurance business and will continue purely as a fraternal society without insurance.

Little Rock Ark.
Gazette
10-10-26

STOCKHOLDERS LOSE CONTROL OF ARKANSAS LODGE

Secrecy Veils Sale of K. D. Of T., Membership Protests Action Of Its Officers

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Lengthy Negotiations

Negotiations have been under way, for several weeks between the officials of the Standard Life Insurance Company and the Knights and Daughters of Tabor. The following is in part, the resolution which the officers certified to the insurance department and is the basis of the deal:

"That the Grand Board of Curators, with the Endowment Secretary Treasurer and Grand Attorney are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into any and all contracts necessary in their judgment to safeguard the welfare of said order, Be is further resolved that said special committee named in first paragraph herein, is authorized and empowered to underwrite the entire membership certificates of the order, to sell, transfer or hypothecate any and all property both personal and real, belonging to said order and to do whatever may be necessary to fully comply with the future requirements of the Insurance department of Arkansas, Be it furtner resolved, that all powers herein vested and conferred upon this special committee may be done and performed by a majority of said special committee and any action of said committee shall be legal and binding upon all Temples and Tabernacles and all members of the order."

Not Mentioned at Grand Session

However, from interviews with prominent members of the order, it is offered to the Grand Session but that claimed that no such resolution was even a resolution was adopted by the Grand Session authorizing the officers to borrow money and give as security for the money borrowed, the real estate owned by the order. The special committee named in the purported resolution met in the offices of Bullion and Harrison, Attorneys, in the A. O. U. W. Building, consisting of Scipio A. Jordan Chief Grand Mentor, G. H. Evand, Endowment Secretary, J. H. Hammonds Grand Secretary, S. A. Jones, Grand Attorney and Mrs. Lula B. West, Grand Recorder, on July 26th and put over the proposition. Papers filed with the State Insurance Department show that the Standard Life Insurance Company has undertaken to underwrite the insurance business of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor. The agreement was signed by W. E. Patterson, President and W. G. Ingalls, Secretary of the Standard Life Insurance Company and Scipio A. Jordan, Chief Grand Mentor, and J. H. Hammonds, Grand Secretary of the Knights of Tabor. The Standard Life Insurance Company is an Arkansas Company organized by white men. The Knights and Daughters of Tabor until about five years ago was considered one of the strongest colored fraternal societies in Arkansas. It has been operating its insurance department for about twenty-eight years and has a membership of 14,250 members. The department records at the statehouse show that the Tabors was the first colored society to begin the insurance business in Arkansas.

ORDER KNIGHTS TABOR SOLD TO WHITE COMPANY

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Little Rock, Ark. Oct.—Special—The race lost another business enterprise, when the Knights and Daughters of Tabor was taken over lock, stock and barrel by the Standard Life Insurance Company, of Eureka Springs, Ark. This deal was kept secret by the officials of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor from the public and it was not until Monday when the information concerning the deal became known, although the papers in the matter had been approved by the Insurance Department of Arkansas on September 7th.

Matter Unauthorized

The consideration was not made public but nevertheless as far as is able to determine by the delegates who attended the Grand Session at Pine Bluff, the matter had never been authorized by the Grand Session. When the Grand Session met in regular convention in Pine Bluff on July 20, no mention was made of the fact that the order was in such a rocky condition and that it would be necessary to sell the Order's Insurance Department and buildings to some other concern the following week. Although, there was current rumor about the state that the order was insolvent and owed more than $55,000 worth of death claims, the officers denied this, stating that a real estate loan on the building at Ninth and State Streets known as Taborian Hall for $25,000 would put the order in a "very good shape."

Negotiations have been under way, for several weeks between the officials of the Standard Life Insurance Company and the Knights and Daughters of Tabor.

Bought By Standard Life

Papers filed with the State Insurance Department show that the Standard Life Insurance Company has undertaken to underwrite the insurance business of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor. The agreement was signed by W. E. Patterson, President and W. G. Ignalls, Secretary of the Standard Life Insurance Company and Scipio A. Jordan, Chief Grand Mentor and J. H. Hammonds, Grand Secretary of the Knights of Tabor. The Standard Life Insurance Company is the Arkansas Company organized by white men which now owns the former Standard Life of Georgia. The Knights and Daughters of Tabor until about five years ago was considered one of the strongest colored fraternal societies in Arkansas. It has been operating its insurance department for about twenty years and has a membership of 14,250 members. The department records at the State House show that the Tabors was the first colored society to begin insurance business in Arkansas. The written agreement transfers the Taborian Hall at Ninth and State and 118 acres of country property owned by the Knights of Tabor to the Standard Life. The property listed has about an estimated value of $125,000 with an encumberance of 25,000.

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Knights and Ladies of Honor of the World.

MRS. MASSEY REELECTED GRAND PROTECTOR K. AND L. OF H. OF THE WORLD; FINE SHOWING MADE

DR. F. W. ALSTORK HEADS MENS' DEPARTMENT; NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

By Staff Correspondent.

The Knights and Ladies of Honor of the World closed its twenty-sixth annual session here Thursday, July 29. In many respects it was the most historic and well attended meeting of any in the history of the Order. The Grand Lodge opened Tuesday morning and the greetings came in from the various sections of the State of Alabama and a large number of prominent citizens from Georgia attended the Grand Lodge and delivered interesting addresses.

Mrs. Lena Blunt Massey presided over the deliberations and made an excellent report of her administration as Grand Protector of the Order for this fraternal year. Every day was a feature and every night an interesting public program was rendered at some of the prominent churches in the city of Girard.

Tuggle Institute Gets Support.

No more spectacular and sympathetic effort was shown during the Grand Lodge than the concert given by the Tuggle Institute Band Tuesday night at Franchise Baptist Church, when hundreds of people gathered, some out of curiosity, others for entertainment and many in support of the fraternity and the Tuggle Institute at Birmingham, Ala. At this gathering the welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Nina Jackson, and response by Mrs. J. E. Cowling, Secretary-Treasurer of the Burial Department. Other addresses were delivered by Mrs. Fannie Blevins and Grand Protector, L. B. Massey. Mrs. Massey, in her addresse told of the wonderful work being done by fraternal orders in Alabama, and addressed herself particularly to the work of the Knights and Ladies of Honor of the World, the loyalty of its members and their willingness to make sacrifices for education, for the building of character, the promotion of Negro enterprises and the welfare of humanity generally.

During the session $338 was raised in support of Tuggle Institute. The reports of the Grand Lodge officers were complimented by the delegation and Mrs. N. Hinton Mitchell, Grand Secretary, made a detailed statement of the finance coming into the office and how the money was spent, and this to the satisfaction of the large and scrutinizing delegation.

In her closing remarks the Grand Protector counseled the large membership on the primary purpose of the Knights and Ladies of Honor of the World, said she: "The Knights and Ladies of Honor of the World stand for proper training of the youth in the Negro race. Our purpose is to cement the race group and make living conditions better, to advocate and conscientiously work for a better and more sympathetic relation between the races and for the protection of the members of the Order in sickness, accident, disappointments and death, as well as a fraternal and social relation as cannot be had through any other source. It is our business to lead the way in supporting Negro business and above all, live worthy and respectable lives. It is our duty to serve each other; we do little service for ourselves, she said, until we have served others."

On Wednesday night Dr. F. W. Alstork, pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, Birmingham, Ala., preached the memorial sermon. His message was well received and eloquently delivered.

The Birmingham Reporter, the most outstanding Negro publication in the South, came in for much praise and received the unanimous endorsement as the official organ of the order in the State of Alabama.

The Grand Lodge elected the following officers: Dr. F. W. Alstork, Birmingham, Grand Dictator; Lady L. B. Massey, Birmingham, Grand Protector; Lady Luella McGuire, Tuscaloosa, Past Grand Protector; Lady Lucy Whatley, Tuscaloosa, Vice Grand Protector; Lady N. H. Mitchell, Birmingham, Grand Secretary; Lady M. E. Isaac, Girard, Ala., Grand Chaplain; Lady J. L. Clarke, Montgomery, Grand Guide; Lady Ophelia Davidson, Pratt City, Grand Guardian; Lady M. L. Clanton, Gainsville, Grand Sentinel; Lady J. E. Cowling, Montgomery, Secretary-Treasurer Burial Department. The Grand Trustees are: H. L. Goins, Mrs. H. L. Duncan and Mrs. Pearl Montgomery. Board of Directors: Mrs. L. M. Sherrod, Chairman, Mesdames Geneva White, Colister Payne, M. L. Saunders and Alice B. Wilson. Endowment Board: Mesdames Annie Rhone, Chairman. Eugene Wood, L. B. Bradley and Alice Hayle.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet in Tuscaloosa, Ala., the first Tuesday in July, 1927.

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Knights of Pythias.

'Million Dollar' Order Convenes At 'Island City'

(By Staff Correspondence.)

Galveston, Texas, June 10, 1926.—The Island City is host this week to the annual grand sessions of the Colored Knights of Pythias and the Court of Calanthe, who invaded this city last Sunday morning via the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway on a special train, consisting of 17 coaches, including two standard Pullmans and a diner. This special train was dubbed the "Grand Chancellor's Special," and brought several hundred representatives, several regimental bands, uniformed companies, cadet corps and Calanthean drill teams to Galveston, aside from the large number of visitors who annually attend this gathering. Hundreds came in automobiles from all sections of the state, and the visitors within the gates of the Treasure Isle are comparable only to that number John saw in his apocalytic vision on the Isle of Patmos.

In the opening of the grand lodge Monday morning, Grand Chancellor W. S. Willis of Dallas, received a tremendous ovation when he read figures showing that the Pythians and Calantheans of the Texas jurisdiction have combined assets and resources as of May 20, 1926, amounting to $1,011,432.63, making the Texas Pythians the first state jurisdiction of any Negro order in the world to join the "millionaire class." ("How's that, brethren?") The grand chancellor stated that both the male and female departments of the Texas jurisdiction are working in perfect harmony now, and that Mrs. F. K. McPherson of Gainesville, grand worthy counselor of the Court of Calanthe, is doing a nice piece of team work. This compliment to Mrs. McPherson and her official cabinet by the titular head of the Texas fraternity was the signal for thunderous applause by the "brave boys."

In the entertainment end Galveston is putting it over and is setting a dizzy pace for subsequent hosts to the grand bodies. Every consideration is being accorded the delegates and visitors by both white and colored citizens, which is not surprising, as Galveston has long since been recognized as the most liberal city in Texas, with race relations being very amicable and friendly.

Many Luminaries Present.

This 42nd annual grand lodge of the Pythians is graced with quite an array of racial luminaries, among whom are Colonel Roscoe Conkling Simmons of Chicago, internationally known orator and publicist and supreme lecturer of the order; Hon. S. W. Green, New Orleans, La., supreme chancellor of the order and grand chancellor of the Louisiana jurisdiction; Hon. R. A. Blount, Birmingham, Ala., grand chancellor of the Alabama jurisdiction; Dr. C. B. Wickham, Oklahoma City, Okla., grand chancellor of the Sooner State order; Dr. J. R. Lee, president of the A. and M. College, Tallahassee, Fla., and one of the nation's foremost educators; Dr. U. G. Mason, Birmingham, Ala., supreme medical registrar of the order and grand medical registrar of Alabama jurisdiction; Prof. A. J. Kirkpatrick, grand keeper of records and seal of the Oklahoma jurisdiction; Rev. W. L. Dickson, Gilmer, founder and president of Dickson's Colored Orphanage; Prof. C. H. Waller, Prairie View, state director of extension work among Negroes in Texas; Prof. J. J. Rhoads, Dallas, principal Booker T. Washington High School; Prof. John W. Rice, editor Dallas Express; Colonel R. T. H. Simmons, Mexia financier, capitalist and promoter; Mrs. M. E. V. Hunter, Prairie View; L. D. Lyons, Austin merchant and fraternalist; Prof. William Coleman, El Paso, president Colored State Teachers' Association of Texas and principal El Paso Colored High; Rev. F. Rivers Barnwell, Fort Worth, state lecturer of Negroes, Texas health department, et al.

Memorial Services Sunday.

Having a penchant for innovations and doing the unexpected, Grand Chancellor Wills held the annual memorial services Sunday afternoon at the City Auditorium, the sermon being delivered by Dr. J. Newton Jenkins, Waco, pastor New Hope Baptist Church. The theme of the doctor's discourse was "An Endless Life," and his discourse was timely, logical and profound. Dr. Jenkins ranks as one of the leading ministers of the race, and he has done a wonderful bit of work in Waco along religious lines.

City Attorney Scores Hit.

The opening program was held at the City Auditorium Monday night, with band music by the several regimental bands preceding the program. The Houston band, led by Sir J. W. Hopkins, is easily the outstanding musical organization at the grand lodge, and rendered a program for city officials and employes at the City Hall Monday afternoon.

In the absence from the city of Mayor J. E. Pearce, City Attorney Wilson, an able and pleasing speaker, extended official welcome to the delegates and visitors, and reminded and assured them that the municipal authorities of the Island City stand ready and willing to do all within their power to make their stay pleasant and profitable. His cordial welcome was roundly cheered by the large audience, composed of members of both races.

Following him Captain LaFrance of Fort Crockett, who has tendered the use of governmental cooks, tents, etc., free of cost, to the grand lodge, was called upon and made a brief speech. City Commissioner McCarthy followed him, and, not only welcomed the delegates and visitors, but praised the colored citizenry of Galveston for their thrift, industry, intelligence and good citizenship. All the white speakers lauded the order for its financial status, and expressed the hope that the fraternity would continue to grow and expand.

Simmons Delivers Response.

In his own inimitable and characteristic manner, Colonel Roscoe Conkling Simmons of Chicago, supreme lecturer of the order, responded to the official welcomes and then gave some wise and timely advice to members of both races. The speaker urged the white man to treat the colored brother with justice and to accord him a fair and square deal in all matters and issues affecting the American people. He dwelt upon the economic phase of our racial endeavor and remarked that "you can engage the attention of the American white man when you talk in terms of money—it's the only language he can understand."

The colonel asserted that "You can always tell what a Negro will be by what a white man is. The white man charges that my people imitate him. I shall neither deny nor debate that question. All civilization is a succession of imitation. Egypt stole hers from Ethiopia, Greece stole hers from Egypt, Rome stole hers from Greece, England stole hers from Rome, America stole hers from England and the American Negro steals his from everybody."

Descending and Ascending Races.

The speaker contended that the white race is a descending race, while his group is an ascending race, adding that the white man is always talking about and tracing his ancestry back to the pioneer settlers of America and English nobility; while the American Negro can trace his ancestry no further than Appomattox, when Lee laid down the sword to Grant, and the emancipation proclamation became the only living dissertation on the sermon on the mount. He flayed our people for their ignorance and stupidity, in that they do not read and observe, remarking that "the Negro is the only race in the world that knows everything without reading anything."

As usual, the colonel tired his audience with a protracted speech, and many forgot many of the salient truths due to the length of the effort, which was masterly done and often interrupted with thunderous applause.

Mr. Simmons was introduced by Prof. L. B. Kinchion of Belton, grand vice chancellor of the order and himself a speaker of no mean ability. Grand Chancellor Willis served as master of ceremonies.

Hon. S. W. Green, New Orleans, was presented and made a brief talk, reading a list of figures which showed that the supreme jurisdiction of the colored Pythians, embracing 31 states, has assets and resources in excess of $8,000,000, with one-eighth of that amount being owned by the Texas order, the richest state organization in the entire Pythian jurisdiction.

Reports Reveal Records.

Monday afternoon was devoted to the annual reports of the grand lodge officers, Sir J. E. Smith, grand keeper of records and seal and secretary-treasurer of the endowment department, being the first officer to submit a yearly account of his stewardship. His report showed that the order lost 307 members during the past fiscal year, compared with 270 during the preceding year, or an increase of 35. Diseases of the kidneys claimed the major number, 50, while heart diseases exacted the lives of 48; pneumonia next with 43; apoplexy, 35; tuberculosis, which formerly led, ranking fifth with 31.

Further, the records showed that out of the 305 deaths this year, 162 had lived in the order five years or more and on which the full $500 was paid; 20 members lived in the order less than five years and more than four years; 25 members lived in the order less than four years and more than three years; 30 members lived in the order less than three years and more than two years; 34 members lived in the order less than two years and more than one year; 34 members lived in the order less than one year before death.

Over $32,000 In Interest.

The report of this secretarial officer disclosed that the order had earned $32,909.95 during the fiscal year on first mortgage loans, money on deposit in Texas banks and other revenue producing sources.

Full financial statement, known as schedule F in his annual report, follows and shows the healthy financial condition of the Pythians of color in the Lone Star State. This report was made at the close of business, May 17, 1926, viz.:

Petty Cash	$ 100.00	
American Exch. Nat. Bk., Dallas	73,381.78	
Mercantile Bk. & Tr. Co., Dallas	61,104.55	
Republic National Bk., Dallas	41,831.80	
First Nat. Bank, Paris	41,853.61	
Citizens Nat. Bk., Waco	21,565.85	$239,837.59
War Sav. Stps.		834.00
Mortg. Loans		209,011.60
Pythian Sanitarium Cert's		29,070.35
Sanitarium Bonds		20,000.00
Sup. Lodge Account		7,000.00
U. S. Treasury		

Certificates	4,000.00
Bldg. & Real Estate	159,937.24
Bldg. Imp't	3,592.49
Temple Drug Store	3,194.75
Motor Vehicles	2,642.23
Furniture & Fixtures	9,599.30
Prep'd Taxes	18,077.25
Uniform Rank Properties	1,327.78
Total Ledger Assets	$708,124.58
Accrued Interests & Rents	11,385.90
Total Assets May 20, 1926	$719,510.48
Unpaid Death Claims	7,676.67
Total Net Assets	$711,834.81
Total Net Assets 1925	653,397.03
Net Increase	58,446.78
Int. Collected	$21,765.55
Int. Accrued	11,144.40
Total Int. Earned	32,909.95
Total Int. Earned 1925	24,664.46
Net Interest Increase	8,245.49

Other Reports Submitted.

General Willis, in outlining his tactics and modus operandi, decided that all subordinate officers would report before he delivered his annual message, and these reports, apparently, whetted the appetite of the representatives for the major and super message. Preceding Mr. Willis' address, reports were submitted by George M. Guest of Paris, grand master of exchequer; Hon. A. S. Wells, Dallas, grand attorney, and the board of directors, consisting of Dr. A. S. Jackson of Waco, president; Prof. J. J. Burnett of Cleburne, secretary; Rev. J. H. Hughes of Cameron, J. H. Hines of Waco and L. Maddox of Ft. Worth.

Willis Fired "Big Bertha."

After the other grand lodge officers had laid down a well-nigh perfect box barrage and had thrown up a smoke-screen, Grand Chancellor Willis fired "big Bertha," and it was a shot or several shots that will be heard around the fraternal world.

The report of the grand chancellor showed that 13 new lodges were organized during the year, despite the unprecedented drouth of last year and the record-breaking rains of the spring; that the uniform rank is constantly increasing its strength, with the organization of additional companies at Dallas, Houston, Galveston, Longview, Honey Grove and San Antonio during the fiscal year.

Praises Court of Calanthe.

Among other things, Mr. Willis made the following observations:

"This is the first time since I have been grand chancellor that I have been able to report to you that there is absolute harmony existing between the grand worthy counsellor and your grand chancellor. We have worked this year in absolute harmony. I regard Mrs. McPherson as a woman of great judgment and one in whom the greatest confidence can be reposed. If she remains as the head of the Grand Court, I am sure the day will soon come when the sisters will take Texas. She has been very active during the entire year; and the financial condition of the Court of Calanthe is in better shape today than ever before in its history.

Law Department.

"This department, as you know, is under the direction of Sir A. S. Wells, grand attorney. He is still performing his duties most satisfactorily and demonstrating the wisdom of our order in providing for a legal department controlled by an attorney who is a member of our order and our group.

"During the year, we have had but two law suits other than those involving the settlement of death claims. The first law suit is one had with the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. This suit was wholly uncalled for; and the most ridiculous proceedings, in my opinion, that were ever filed in a court of equity. The following are the facts and consequences up to this time:

Odd Fellows Lost Case.

"Some few years ago, three local lodges in Houston contracted with Mr. Carl Curts to build a Pythian hall in the 5th Ward at Houston. They gave to Mr. Curts notes aggregating $21,000 for the building of this hall. Mr. Curts sold to the Grand Lodge of Colored Knights of Pythias $15,000 of these notes and gave the Grand Lodge Colored Knights of Pythias a first lien against said property securing the $15,000 worth of notes; and making the $6,000 which he held inferior to the $15,000, which was sold to us.

"It appears that when the Odd Fellows constructed their Temple in Houston, that there was paid to Contractor Carl Curts, who constructed their Temple, the sum of $28,000 more than he was entitled to receive. In adjusting this $28,000, it appears that Mr. Curts, not having the cash to re-imburse the Odd Fellows to the amount of $28,000 involved, transferred to the Odd Fellows among other things, the second lien notes which he held against the three Pythian Lodges in the 5th Ward in Houston, which sum amounted to practically $4,750.

"One of the lodges of the three who entered into the contract for building the hall, for reasons best known to themselves, dropped out, leaving the indebtedness upon two lodges. This responsibility was so great upon the two lodges until they failed to pay not only the interest and payments upon their second lien notes held by the Odd Fellows; but also failed to keep up the interest on the first lien notes held by us. The commissioner of insurance advised us to take steps to collect the past due interest which had accumulated against these notes; and we immediately wrote to the lodges and advised them that their notes had been placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. In the meantime, not desiring that the Odd Fellows should have a loss on their second lien notes, knowing that the notes which they held were inferior, I had a conference with Mr. McGrath, who seemed to be representing the Odd Fellows and who did represent them; with Mr. Sigtenhorst, who was employed as an actuary, and Mr. Werkenthin, the deputy insurance commissioner, in which I offered to purchase the second lien notes held by the Odd Fellows; provided they were willing to discount the notes to the amount that second lien notes are usually discounted; provided that the insurance department would permit us to take over these second lien notes. The proposition was approved tentatively by the deputy commissioner, but pending these negotiations, the Odd Fellows filed suit in Harris County in which suit they sought to have their second lien notes foreclosed; and asked for permission to buy the first lien held by ourselves; asked the court not to allow us attorney's fees as provided in notes; and not only asked judgment against the local lodges but the grand lodge itself for all monies involved including the first lien as well as the second lien.

"The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias answered this suit and filed a cross action in which we asked that the petition of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows be denied; and that foreclosure take place upon the first lien as well as the second lien; that we be allowed 10 per cent attorney's fees; and that the sheriff of the county be directed to sell the property to the highest bidder; that the proceeds be used to pay off the first lien first; second, the indebtedness of the second lien; and third, to the makers of the notes.

"This case came on to be heard, and the judge of the court immediately denied the petition of the Odd Fellows and granted the cross action of the Knights of Pythias, holding that we were entitled to attorney's fees; and that the proceeds should first be used in paying off the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge Colored Knights of Pythias; and that no judgment be held against the Grand Lodge Colored Knights of Pythias.

"From this decision of the court, the attorneys of the Odd Fellows served notice of appeal; but the time limit in which this appeal should be filed has expired and no appeal has been filed. The amount involved, which it will be necessary for the Odd Fellows to pay to the Grand Lodge Colored Knights of Pythias is around $20,000. This is the status of the case.

"Now, the other suit was that which Sanford filed against the grand lodge last year, which was tried in the district court of McLennan County. Sanford and Thomas asked for $10,500 each as damages and reinstatement in the order. The case was tried, the court denied them damages; but decided that, upon their payment of all dues and assessments which had accrued since their expulsion, they be reinstated. From this decision the grand lodge has taken an appeal.

Pythian Temple.

"You will remember that last year you gave me directions to either remodel or sell the Pythian Temple, as my judgment might determine. As yet, we have neither sold nor remodeled it. It is still in "status quo." We have, however, made some changes which have very materially increased the revenue of the Temple; and I believe that in the future we will at least be able to break even in expenses of management.

"Since 1916 we have maintained the auditorium for the use and benefit of the citizens of Dallas. I regret to inform you that after waiting for ten years for the citizens of Dallas to use the auditorium, we found that they did not care for it as they used every other auditorium in town other than the auditorium of the Pythian Temple. During last year we rented the auditorium only one time in twelve months; but after taking up the chairs in the auditorium so that it might be used for entertainment purposes, they used it twelve times in one month. Now the space formerly used for an auditorium is being constantly used and is producing not only a handsome income, but all business such as drug store, etc., is being benefitted by the large number of people who come to the Pythian Temple.

Offices Moved.

"For more than two years we tried to rent one of the stores on the ground floor, but could not successfully do so. I decided that inasmuch as we could not rent the space for any price, it would be best for us to move the grand lodge offices into the space. As a result, on January 1st the offices of the grand keeper of records and seal and the grand chancellor were moved to the ground floor, occupying space that we could not rent; and the space occupied by the grand chancellor was immediately rented for the sum of $50 per month. We have the space on the second floor formerly occupied by the grand keeper of records and seal yet to be rented; and inasmuch as he had more space than that occupied by the grand chancellor, we are certain to get at least another $50 per menth. So you see by this move there has been added an income of at least $100 per month by our occupying the ground floor, our present offices. I have this to say about the offices we now occupy: They are among the best to be found anywhere in America. They reflect credit not only on the order, but to the Negro race.

Medical Department.

"As the years come and go, too much cannot be said about this department of our order under the direction of Dr. R. T. Hamilton, grand medical registrar. He is doing excellent work in this department, but for him to make the showing he desires and the showing that will protect the finances of our order, this department must have the co-operation of every member of the order and especially the officers of our local lodges. If you know an applicant to be a bad risk, you should always prevent his coming into the order. In doing this, you are protecting the individual interest of every member in the order. Every applicant should be personally inspected by the officers of your lodge before he is permitted to be taken into the order.

Distress Fund.

"Too much cannot be said for the necessity of this fund. God only knows how much suffering this fund is helping to relieve as the days come and go. I find, however, that there are a number of lodges doing all they can to retard the development of this fund, which makes it necessary for ut to recommend some changes in the manner of its development, which in my opinion, will be for the good of all concerned.

Membership Drives.

"Our membership drives have been continued during the year; and as a result of the same, we have added through that agency 4,590 new members. When we first started these drives, every order in Texas criticised us for so doing. Now every order in Texas is driving. That in itself is enough said to show the wisdom of our course.

Membership ..... 21,980 Men

Table Showing Constant Growth in Net Assets Year by Year.

	Surplus Funds
December 31, 1916	$127,437.17
December 31, 1917	130,507.85
December 31, 1918	125,723.28
December 31, 1919	134,860.85
December 31, 1920	241,656.88
December 31, 1921	316,730.05
December 31, 1922	406,647.76
December 31, 1923	499,536.17
December 31, 1924	601,687.18
December 31, 1925	641,720.43
May 20, 1926	711,843.81

"We boast today of being the first colored organization in this state or in this nation, if you please, to reach the millionaire class. Every member of the order should be proud of this achievement.

Interest.

"I wish to especially call your attention to this item of interest. When

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Knights of Pythias.

I was elected grand chancellor in 1917, all salaries of officers were paid out of the dues sent into the grand lodge by local lodges, but for the past several years, all salaries of officers have been paid out of the interest accumulations derived from the funds of our order. Our record this year shows that the magnificent sum of $32,909.95 has been earned in interest. Our salary schedule amounts to $13,700 per annum. You can readily see that out of the interest earned, we have paid all salaries and have left a balance of $19,209.95.

Recommendations—Additional Policies

"Inasmuch as the financial condition of our order now justifies and inasmuch as our ratio of solvency has shown for a number of years a constant increase, I recommend that a law be passed giving the endowment board authority to issue such additional policies as in their judgment should be issued for the good of the order. All such additional policies issued must meet the approval of our actuary."

Greetings From Alabama.

Tuesday morning's session was devoted to the introduction of visiting luminaries of the Pythian firmament, among whom were Hon. R. A. Blount, Birmingham, grand chancellor Alabama jurisdiction, and Dr. U. G. Mason, Birmingham, grand master of exchequer Alabama jurisdiction and supreme medical registrar. These distinguished Pythians made excellent talks and were loud in their praise of the Texas grand lodge and of the most wonderful progress made by the Texas Pythians under the leadership of the matchless fraternal prince, W. S. Willis.

Prof. A. S. Jackson, president of the board of directors of the Texas grand lodge and who is also chairman of the board of education of the A. M. E. Church, responded to the greetings from the foreign jurisdictions in his usual masterful manner.

Election of Officers.

With only two exceptions the entire official staff of officers was re-elected, after a motion to suspend the rules and re-elect the present officers by acclamation had passed.

The official family for the ensuing year follows: W. S. Willis, Dallas, grand chancellor; L. B. Kinchion, Belton, grand vice chancellor; R. S. Jenkins, Dallas, grand prelate; George M. Guest, Paris, grand master of exchequer; J. E. Smith, Dallas, grand keeper of records and seal; Carl Walker, Austin, grand master-at-arms; T. B. Mitchell, Kendleton, grand lecturer; Dr. A. N. Prince, Sherman, grand past chancellor; Dr. A. T. Hamilton, Dallas, grand medical registrar; A. S. Wells, Dallas, grand attorney; R. A. Atkinson, Lockhart, grand inner guard; John White, Houston, grand outer guard; board of directors—A. S. Jackson, Waco; J. J. Burnett, Cleburne; J. H. Hines, Waco; J. H. Hughes, Cameron, L. Maddox, Fort Worth, and W. S. Willis, Dallas; supreme representatives—L. B. Kinchion, Belton, and George M. Guest, Paris.

As an evidence of the harmony which characterized the convention, the entire election consumed less than 10 minutes.

Grand Chancellor Scores Ingrates.

In a short but interesting and spicy talk following the election, Grand Chancellor Willis asked, "Brethren, have you voiced your sentiments in this election? Are you satisfied with the results?" To a man, the entire delegation responded, "Yes, perfectly!" Then the chancellor proceeded to give some little attention to those who, he said, had been recipients of favors at the hands of the grand lodge and had paid for these favors by acts of ingratitude in its most despicable form. "Of all the sins in this world," said he, "I know of none which places the one committing deed farther beyond the pale of human forgiveness, than that of ingratitude."

The grand chancellor also made some comparison of the growth, finances, and membership of the order of K. of P., Colored, of Texas with other orders, which brought forth thunderous applause.

Citizens Entertain Lavishly.

Galvestonians are making it hard for the next city which undertakes the entertainment of the next session of the grand lodge, by the lavish manner in which they are entertaining.

Tuesday afternoon, the "Dokeys", their lady friends, and the grand lodge officers, with their lady friends, were given a boat ride, out in the Gulf of Mexico. On Tuesday night a banquet at the Cotton Jammers Park was in progress, while the Dokeys were upstairs initiating 30 tyros into the mysteries of that order.

Carnival Pageant.

If there ever was the least doubt in the minds of any Texan that Galveston had no colored people, it only took Tuesday night to dispel that doubt, as the streets of the city were literally jammed with our people, and every inch of ground that did not hold a colored person was covered by members of the other race. The occasion which brought out this great concourse of people was the annual K. of P. carnival pageant, in which thousands of marching revelers participated, bedecked in all manner of costumes imaginable.

Street Parade.

Wednesday, at 11 a. m., on the dot, a street parade unexcelled in the annals of Pythian history, wended its way through the principal streets of the Island City. Business of all kinds was suspended throughout the entire line of march, while employers, employees and customers viewed a procession the equal of which one would have to travel thousands of miles to see.

Seven bands, from as many cities, filled the air with music played as only Negro musicians can play.

"Dokeys" from Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Beaumont, Paris and Taylor, lent color to an already beautiful panorama.

Many at Camp McPherson.

Several uniform companies, cadets, regimental bands and Calanthean drill teams are encamped at Camp McPherson, named in honor of the head of the Texas Court of Calanthe and located at the High School Park, 27th Street. This camp has all the military appearance of army camps and cantonments during the World War. Bands are present from Dallas, Waco, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Beaumont, Galveston, Marshall, Fort Worth, and a female band from Dallas; uniform companies: Houston, San Antonio, Waco, San Antonio, Waco, Denison, Honey Grove, Bonham, Dallas, Austin, Corsicana, Beaumont and Belton; Calanthean companies: Fort Worth, Beaumont, San Antonio, Houston, Dallas, Galveston, Bonham and Longview; nurse corps and cadets from Dallas, Waco, Houston and Belton.

The M-K-T and I-G-N railways furnished transportation for all these companies and bands without the order paying one cent in advance, or depositing a solitary cent. After these organizations return to their several homes, an invoice will be mailed the grand chancellor by the railroad officials and the grand lodge will issue a check covering transportation charges. This is an unusual honor and shows that when we get more million dollar concerns, we can exact and expect more from railroads, other corporations and the general public.

CALANTHIANS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Elizabeth K. White Succeeds Late Rosa J. Richardson, as Grand Worthy Counsellor

26th Annual session O. O. C. K. of P. N. A. S. A. E. A. A. convened in Cambridge, Md., 19-20-21, 1926 at same place and time of Pythian session. Session was open with G. W. C. Sis. Elizabeth K. White, presiding. Degree was conferred upon 75 candidates. The Order has had great success during the year under the leadership of the G. W. C. Sis. [illegible]ite, successor to the late Rosa J. Richardson.

The yearly report showed that all indebtedness had been paid and the officers and members cooperated to make success. Two courts have been instituded and 2 Juvenile Councils. The G. R. of Deeds report showed a total membership 2984, representing 51 Courts. Juveniles over 1000 representing 28 councils. Sis. Charlotte G. Woodard, G. Matron.

The session was one of great harmony and showed progress in every department. G. W. C. was presented with a handsome [illegible] of silver from Amazon Court No. 10. Beautiful silk bed spread, from Lleborah Court No. 29 and a purse from Guiding Star Perseverance Court No. 49. Sis. Susie Johnson, Past Grand officer, two beautiful presents from Lleborah Court. G. Matron Sis. Wooward, a purse from Golden Star of West.

The following officers were elected.

Sis. Elizabeth K. White, unanimously elected Grand Worthy Counsellor.

G. W. Inspectrix, Sis. Agnes Garrett.

G. W. Inspector, Sis. Katherine Burton.

G. W. Orator, Sis. Katie Jackson.

G. W. Sr. Dis. Sis. Cora Earl.

G. W. Jr. Dis., Sis. Georgette Young, St. Michael, Md.

G. W. R. of Deeposits, Sis. Eliza D. Meadley.

G. W. R. of Deed, Sis. Ella Woodford.

G. W. L., Sis. Laura Long.

G. W. C., Sis. Julia Langston, Salisbury, Md.

G. W. Asst. C., Sis. Annie Emory.

G. W. H. Elizabeth Dodd.

G. W. P., Marion Chapman.

G. W. E., Irene Duncan.

G. W. M., Sis. Charlotte G. Woodard.

G. M. Exam., Dr. Edward J. Wheatley.

Elizabeth K. White, G. W. C.

Ella Woodford, G. R. of Deeds.

Lillie May Snowden, Asst. G. R. of Deeds.

K. of P. Board Held Meeting Last Week

The second quarterly meeting of the endowment bureau of the Knights of Pythias of Georgia was held Friday of last week in the office of S. A. Jones, secretary-treasurer, 511 West Waldbury street. Grand Chancellor W. T. Reid of Macon presided over the deliberations. The other members of the board are Dr. J. W. Holly, G. V. C., Albany; Sir H. L. Ferrell, G. K. of R. and S., Atlanta; Col. A. E. Walden, G. Atty., Atlanta; Sir E. L. Collier, member of board, Atlanta; Dr. E. W. Weaver, G. M. R., Rome, and Sir W. D. Savage, G. M. E., Hawkinsville.

The supreme chancellor, S. W. Green of New Orleans, was also present and discussed important matters with the members of the Georgia jurisdiction. The supreme lodge is constructing a magnificent eight story Pythian temple and office building in Chicago, and the supreme chancellor is calling on all members of the order, who can to take some of the bonds to assist in financing this gigantic undertaking.

This was the first visit of the supreme chancellor to Savannah, and he was much impressed with the progress being made here by our group.

The members of the board returned home via Augusta, where they attended the funeral of Dr. Geo. N. Stoney, who was one the pioneer Pythians of the state and, perhaps, the most beloved of all.

Waycross, Ga. Journal Herald

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NEGRO KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS BUILD CASTLE

The Negro Knights of Pythias lodge in Waycross has secured the permit to erect a handsome new castle hall.

This new castle will be located at the corner of State and Folks streets and will cost approximately ten thousand dollars. The building will be of brick, two stories in height and forty-nine by sixty-nine feet in size.

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Knights of Pythias.

PAID UP POLICIES FOR KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

According to the recommendations of Grand Chancellor Willis which were adopted at the session of the Knights of Pythias just closed in Galveston, it will now be possible for all new members as well as the old to receive policies which in time will become "paid-up" policies. Each policy will create for itself a pure endowment fund and it will no longer be true that a man may live for years in the order and become unfinancial after the failure to pay a premium. In other words, the lodge has become more of a real insurance company and "nobody can lose" what he has paid into it.

Dallas Express 10-9-26

This is a radically forward step, one which few white concerns have been able to take and one which this fraternity has taken only at the bidding of its actuary who has checked its statements so closely as to be sure that no error has been made. This too has been made possible by the careful handling of the funds of the order and their investment in such ways as to make this added benefit to the policyholders possible. It has never happened in Texas before. It has never happened in a Negro fraternity in America before, as far as The Express is able to determine, but it is good that this is so. Its assets to total more than a million dollars. It is the first Negro fraternal society to do this. It was the first in Texas to make its surplus available for the assistance of its policyholders. And now it goes a step further and becomes the first to guarantee to its policyholders pure endowment policies, creating for them an estate like that of an old line insurance company.

Not only has the remarkable growth of the Pythians been an example of what it is possible for a fraternity to become in the hands of an experienced and sincere leader who has vision as well as executive ability, but it sets the pace and marks the way for others to follow. It is giving service to those who compose it. That is as it should be. It ministers to them and it gives them reason to stay in it for more than grips, signs and passwords. It has bcome a real business operated for the people. Texas should be proud of the distinction which it has as the home of such an organization, and the members of the lodge should take pride in their sense in choosing such an able executive as Grand Chancellor Willis. And all other fraternities should realize that what this fraternity has done, others can do. The possibilities of fraternaiism in our race and in our state have scarcely been scratched. Of the 800,000 Negroes in the state, less than one-third are members of any lodge. Think then, of the splendid possibilities which the remarkable success of the Pythians has opened up for ail who are in that line of endeavor. It can and it should happen that in time, there will be others who will be able to take this forward step in the protection of their policyholders and that Texas will be noted for the number of well-governed fraternities which it contains. Paid up policies for Pythians means more prosperity for Negroes in Texas. This forward step guarantees estates to many who would otherwise have been forced to do without them.

NEGRO PYTHIANS REELECT OFFICERS

Parade of Uniform Rank To Mark Grand Lodge Meet Today

Officers of the Negro Pythians of the Alabama Grand Lodge and the Court of Calanthes, the women's organization, were elected Tuesday at the annual meeting of the orders in Montgomery. Fannie Blevins was elected head of the Court of Calanthes, the women's organization.

The Montgomery Advertiser 8-12-26

One of the attractive features about the Knights will be the uniform rank. The parade, which will be held from the Booker Washington school at 9:00 this morning. The procession will afterwards board the picnic special for the Pythian farm at Montgomery.

The order voted thanks and appreciation for the way they have been received, and much credit and praise was given to Prof. W. T. Breeding, and his arrangement committee, who made it possible for them to know the Capitol city.

At 10:30 a. m. Tuesday morning the grand chancellor called the Grand Lodge of Alabama to order with over five thousand delegates present. The Grand Court of Calanthes met at the Booker Washington school and the Knights at State Normal.

R. A. Blount, grand chancellor of the Negro Pythians was congratulated on the wonderful showing of the order in Alabama. Pythians in Alabama rank second in finance, it was reported.

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green, of New Orleans, Louisiana is a visitor to the session, he spoke to the session Wednesday morning. He stressed the necessary meaning of brotherly love for humanity. He gave valuable instructions on the rules and regulations, and complimented Alabama for her wonderful showing.

The assets of the Knights of Pythians of Alabama are around six hundred thousand dollars, and the Calanthes combined nearly brings it up to the million dollar mark, it was reported.

Tuesday night the opening exercises were held at the State Normal school auditorium, where the Hon. W. F. Black, general secretary of the Montgomery chamber of commerce addressed the audience. He said in part: "It is a pleasure to note the advancement of the order under your grand chancellor." He stressed the necessity of the black man making the best possible use of his opportunity. Victor H. Tulane, representative negro of Montgomery introduced Mr. Black. The remainder of the program consisted of musical selections and addresses.

ARKANSAS PYTHIANS BURN MORTGAGE

(Preston News Service)

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—The forty-sixth convention of Knights of Pythias of Arkansas was held here last week. A $100,000 mortgage on the State Temple in Little Rock was burned. Henry Grant was re-elected grand chancellor for the fifteenth time. Most of the other officials were re-elected.

Pacific Defender 10-23-26

Los Angeles Calif 8-12-26

Leads Pythians

George A. Watty, Grand Chancellor of Maryland Pythians, who will preside over the annual session of this body which convenes in Cambridge Monday, July 19. A monster parade will open the session.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.

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COLORED K P LODGES HOLD GRAND SESSION

By C. A. Wiley

Grand Chancellor R. A. Blount called the 29th session of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at the state normal auditorium, at 10 a. m.

Delegates from all parts of Alabama have responded in large numbers, and from all indications this grand lodge session will be the greatest in the history of the honored Pythian order in Alabama.

The Pythians have long been in the lime-light from the constructive work that they have carried over for the masses of the negro race in Alabama.

The 36th annual session of the Grand Court of Calanthes was called to order by Empress Fannie Blevins, grand worthy commander of the state of Alabama.

The women are holding their court session in the Booker T. Washington school. Over 5,000 delegates and visitors were in attendance.

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green, of New Orleans, La., was present and introduced by R. A. Blount to the grand lodge.

From all indications this afternoon the grand lodge will hold its greatest session.

Caesar Blake Again Chosen Templar Head

Courier 9-4-26

Pittsburgh Pa

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 3.—At last Wednesday's session of the Imperial Council of Shriners of the Knights Templar, who have been in session here, elected the following officers:

Caesar R. Blake, Imperial Potentate, Charlotte, N. C.; Harry Knight, Deputy Imperial Potentate, New York City; Clarence W. Baxter, Imperial Chief Rabban, Indianapolis, Ind.; I. H. Bradbury, Imperial Assistant Rabban, St. Louis, Mo.; A. W. Brazier, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, New Orleans, La.; S. S. Richardson, Imperial Oriental Guide, Daytona, Fla.; Charles D. Freeman, Imperial Treasurer, Washington, D. C.; Levi Wil-

liams, Imperial Recorder, Jersey City, N. J.; James R. Williams, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Joseph A. Williams, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Kansas City, Kan.; Stewart C. Jefferson, Imperial Captain of the Guard, Chicago, Ill.; Isaac M. Carter, Imperial Outer Guard, Charleston, W. Va.

SHRINERS END FINE SESSION IN BEAN CITY

Select Newark as Next Meeting Place

By C. ELLIOTT FREEMAN, JR.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 3.—With Newark, N. J., as the next convention city, the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America and jurisdiction ended their 27th annual session Friday afternoon when a committee visited the grave of Prince Hall in the Copps Hill burying ground and placed a large wreath on the grave. It was said that this session was one of the best ever held by this [illegible]

Other high branches of Masonry who were in session here were the ninth biennial session of the international conference of Knights of Templar, the 17th annual session of the imperial grand court Daughters of Isis, the grand guild of the Heroines of Templars Crusaders, the grand high priest of conference of Holy Royal Arch Masons, the international conference of grand masters, grand secretaries and past grand secretaries, grand court of the order of Heroines of Jericho, grand court of the order of Calanthe and the international conference of the grand chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

The first day's session of the Mystis Order of Shrine ended in a public reception at the Columbus Ave. A. M. E. Zion church. Representatives of the state and city were present and extended a hearty welcome. One of the features of the opening session was the extensive educational program outlined by Caesar R. Blake, Jr., imperial potentate of the imperial council.

The feature of the opening session of the Knights of Templar was an interesting address delivered by the president of the conference, Albert R. Lee of Champaign, Ill. He outlined a similar educational program to that of the Shriners. The session ended with a four-round exhibition bout between Harry Wills and Jeff Clark, the "Joplin Ghost."

The Shriners climaxed their international conference with a parade through the city, many thousands of persons lining the route of march. Many of the marchers danced part of the way and other groups wheeled and executed bewildering maneuvers as they went along.

Parade Dazzling

One of the big hits was "Sahara Lizzie," otherwise known as William Dorman, Resplendent in yellow, purple, blue and orange, with weird sleeve decoration, he performed a wild dance along the route to the music of his own tambourine.

Charles L. Thorne of New York city, imperial marshal of the order, was in charge of the parade in association with W. A. Dent, chief marshal, representing the Boston temple, and C. E. Dunlap, in charge of patrol formation. Charles L. Thorne, 3-year-old mascot, rode proudly at the head of the line with Caesar R. Blake, Jr., imperial potentate, his imperial divan and the national officers.

Women appeared also in a minority, riding in automobiles as representatives of the Daughters of Isis, auxiliary to the organization.

At City hall the parade was reviewed by Acting Mayor Charles B. Keene, his secretary and City Messenger Leary. At the state house the reviewing group included Gov. Alvan T. Fuller, Lt. Gov. Frank G. Allen, the two Boston members of the council, George Curran and Charles Burough, and the members of the governor's staff.

The parade ended with a spectacular competitive drill between the various temples of the Shriners at the Boston arena. Arabic temple of Chicago was awarded first prize; Medina temple of New York city, second prize, and Persian temple of Indianapolis, third prize.

With practically every state in the Union represented the Knights of Templar climaxed their biennial session with a spectacular parade over four and a half miles of Boston streets.

The paraders made an impressive appearance in their black uniforms, white plumed hats and jeweled regalia.

The parade was headed by Sergt. Comerford and a platoon of mounted police. Howard W. Pinn of Boston was marshal, with Joseph Evans and Robert Ellington his chief aids.

The marchers were reviewed at City hall and the State house and the officers of the conference were on the reviewing stand at the public library.

Chicago Wins Drill

The parade ended with a competitive drill at the arena between the various commanderies of the Knights of Templar. St. John commandery of Chicago was awarded first prize; Ivanhoe commandery of New York city, second prize, and Henderson commandery No. 2 of Washington, D. C., third prize.

A new constitution was adopted, changing the name from international conference to grand encampment and the title of the presiding officer from president to grand master.

It was also voted to hold a grand encampment every three years instead of every second year. The following officers were elected for the next three years: Grand master, Albert R. Lee of Illinois; grand generalissimo, Levi Williams of New York; grand captain general, Joseph Miner of Washington, D. C.; grand senior warden, Wm. S. Lewis of Pennsylvania; grand junior warden, C. E. Gordon of Ohio; grand treasurer, J. Evans of Maryland; grand recorder, Wm. H. Perry of Kentucky; grand standard bearer, I. H. Bradbury of Missouri; grand warden, C. C. Campbell of West Virginia; grand reporter, A. W. Brazier of Louisiana; grand sentinel, Robert Stephens of New Jersey.

The Shrine delegates unanimously re-elected all members of its imperial divan with Caesar R. Blake, Jr., of Charlotte, N. S., as imperial potentate. The honor of casting the single ballot necessary went to Past Imperial Potentate Eugene E. Phillips of New York.

A Matter Of Race Pride

Last Saturday morning a chartered [illegible] passed through [illegible], carrying the Chicago Shriners and their wives to Buffalo for the great international meet.

Heretofore the Shriners have always travelled over the C.N.R.. But this time they travelled by way of the C.P.R. in protest against the removal of colored waiters from the C.N.R. diners. Hurrah and three cheers for the Chicago Shriners!!!

SPIRIT OF BOSTON

At the recent gathering of the Shriners and its sister organizations at Boston, the Boston Telegram, a white daily in the Hub City, made one of its regular editions, a "Colored Mason's Special" featuring the front page with several cuts of the principal officers of the order. This was followed by a long editorial citing among other things the loyalty and devotion of the colored people as citizens and the reason why they should be accorded every right of citizenship measured by one standard.

It seems to us that this offers some food for thought because no such recognition would have been given a colored organization meeting in the South or in St. Louis. There is a reason for this difference in the attitude of the white people in the different sections of the country The one is right, the other is wrong—Which?

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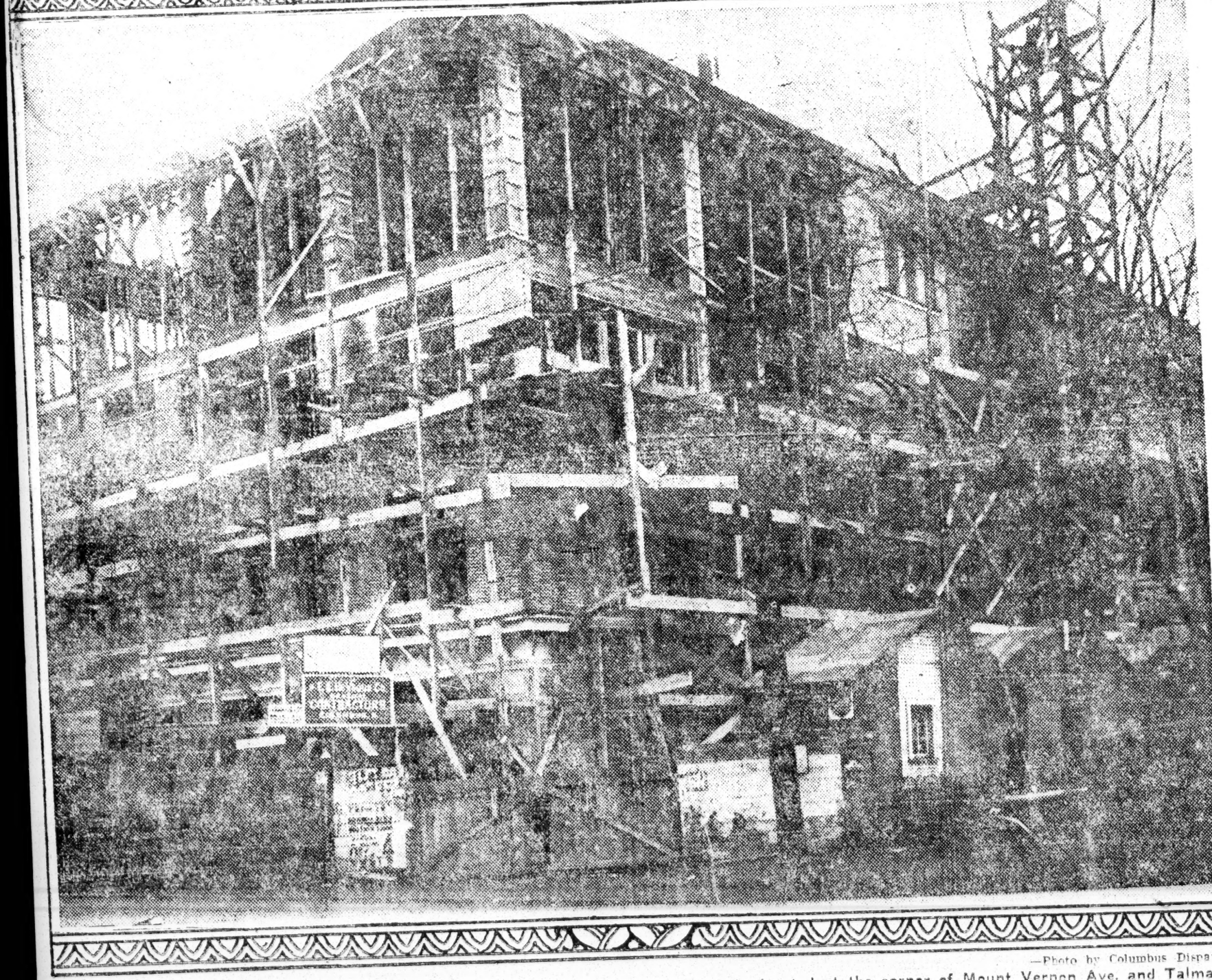
OHIO PYTHIAN TEMPLE UNDER CONSTRUCTION



—Photo by Columbus Dispatch.

The above picture shows the progress of the work on the new big Pythian temple, located at the corner of Mount Vernon Ave. and Talmadge St., Columbus, Ohio, as it appeared when the corner stone was laid recently in accordance with strict ritualistic Pythian ceremony with Robert B. Barcus, grand chancellor of the jurisdiction of the state of Ohio, officiating. The estimated cost of the building with equipment will exceed $180,000. The dimensions of the building are 157 feet deep by 54 feet in width and is four stories above the ground with a basement in the front. Besides several lodge rooms, store rooms, offices, assembly hall with seating capacity of 800, it is provided with a moving picture theater with seating capacity of 650.

Chicago D. Defender 1-23-26 Chicago Illinois

Texas Fraternity Joins 'Millionaire' Organization Class

Special to The Informer.

Dallas, Texas, March 24, 1926.—Making good their avowed intention to become the first colored fraternity or organization in Texas to boast of assets and resources in excess of $1,000,000, the Colored Knights of Pythias of Texas and the Court of Calanthe, sister organization, in releases to the colored press of the state, show combined assets of $1,004,521.74. This huge amount represented the gross resources as of March 1, 1926.

Practically insolvent when W. S. Willis became the grand chancellor of the Texas order in 1917, its resources in excess of $1,000,000 in less than 9 years, is both marvelous, startling and without parallel in colored fraternal annals and circles, and easily places the Texas jurisdiction in the forefront of all Pythianism.

The financial statement, among other things, discloses the following facts and figures for the Pythians and Calantheans: Cash i n bank, $489,529.90; mortgage loans, $232,818.89; United States government securities, $15,034; equity in supreme lodge, $35,096.10; real estate (book value), $163,506.73; furniture, fixtures, etc., $43,987.77; accrued interest and rents, $17,869.15; juvenile department, $6,679.20; total, $1,004,521.74. Of this stupendous amount of assets the Pythians have $706,099.64 and the Calanthans $298,422.10.

W. S. Willis, Dallas, is grand chancellor of this order and J. E. Smith, Dallas, is grand keeper of records and seal. Mrs. F. K. McPhearson, Gainesville, is grand worthy counsellor of the Calantheans; Mrs. P. E. Davis, Calvert, grand recorder of deeds; Mrs. A. N. Kirk, Waco, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. L. B. Williams, juvenile matron.

It is expected that the forthcoming grand lodge, which will be held at Galveston during the early part of June, will not only mark a new epoch in the annul gatherings of this fraternity, but a jubilee celebration, marking the entrance of the Texas order into the "millionaire class," will be one of the chief features of the Island City grand lodge.

TEXAS' FIRST $1,000,000 NEGRO CONCERN!

From virtual insolvency and bankruptcy to more than $1,000,000 in cash and liquid assets in less than 10 years, reads more like a fairy tale or ancient myth than it does like the truth and real facts.

Yet such is the history of the Colored Knights of Pythias of Texas, led by that peerless and indomitable fraternalist and business wizard, William Shedrick Willis, whose official designation is grand chancellor of the Texas order.

According to the financial statement released to some of the Texas race newspapers last week, the Pythians and Calantheans, sister order, have resources and assets of 1,004,521.74, making this fraternity the first Negro concern or organization in Texas, if not the entire South, to join the ranks of the "millionaire organizations."

Nearly one-half million dollars—$489,529.90, to be exact—of this huge sum is on deposit in several Texas banks; while the remaining $514,991.84 represents mortgage loans ($232,818.89), United States government securities ($15,034), equity in supreme lodge properties ($35,096.10), real estate and office buildings ($163,506.73, book value), furniture, fixtures, etc. ($43,987.77), accrued interest and rents ($17,896.15), juvenile department ($6,670.20).

When the financial statement of the Texas Pythians appeared in the columns of The Informer during last fall, this paper made the prediction then that the combined assets of the Pythians and Calantheans would reach, if not exceed, the $1,000,000 mark before the 1926 grand session convenes at Galveston in June.

When the resources passed the $500,000 mark, the grand chancellor made $750,000 his next objective, and when it was so easily attained he asserted that all efforts would be centered to join the "millionaire class," and now this objective has been reached!

This record of achievement is concrete proof that the Negro race is capable of putting over a big program, requiring brains, money and co-operation; and what the Texas Pythians and Calantheans have accomplished in this respect, other orders of the race in this state can also do.

However, to put over any such program requires born leadership, and not the automatic species; with a constituency that backs up and supports the program outlined by its titular leader.

Aside from his natural ability to consummate such a stupendous and startling program, Mr. Willis was among the first fraternal leaders in Texas to recognize the value and potency of printer's ink, and when he first began to employ so much space in the race newspapers advertising his order, many of his close friends considered him a "silly plunger" and "radical spendthrift."

That it pays to advertise, provided it is done wisely and judiciously, and your commodity is marketable or worthy of public notice and consideration, is best evidenced in the rapid rise and unparalleled growth, financially and numerically, of this race fraternity; and this is only a foretaste of what is in store for us, if we will only play the game "according to Hoyle," to employ a common expression.

The Informer congratulates and felicitates Mr. Willis, the Pythian-Calantheans and the race for this wonderful showing in less than one decade, and rejoices and exults in the fact that this order has joined the ranks of the "millionaire organizations" of Texas, the South and nation.

Long life and much power to Willis, the "brave boys" and "fair Calantheans!"

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Loyal Friends of America.

Order Holds Annual Grand Lodge Here

(By S. B. WILLIAMS.)

Those not acquainted with what is going on in the city passing the Emancipation Park this week, and seeing the great tented city, encircled by improvised cafes, root beer stands, ice cream dispensers, and just plain hot fish vendors, and the vast concourse of people promenading along the walks, resting under the shade of the mammoth oaks, while others intently listening to floods of oratory on the inside of the auditorium, would have thought that Houstonians were celebrating the second week in July as their Emancipation week. However, those persons who have kept up with the news of the day readily understood that all this activity at the park was occasioned by the assemblage of the delegates, grand officers and visitors to the seventh annual grand session of the Loyal Friends of America.

The grand session opened Monday morning at which time National Grand Master J. W. Hunt, Dallas, appointed the several committees on credentials, rules of order, necrology, etc. Rev. J. S. Henry, Waco, was made chairman of the committee on credentials. More than 300 delegates were present at the opening ceremony.

Mayor Pro-Tem Delivers Welcome.

Monday night the spacious auditorium was filled with visiting delegates, local comrades and friends of the order to hear the addresses of welcome by the different persons assigned this duty.

Hon. H. A. Halverton, mayor protem of the City of Houston, in his usual pleasing style, assured the visitors that Houston extended to them and all others of the race on a like mission a most cordial welcome. The address met with a hearty response from the audience.

S. C. Counter, Colbert, Okla. responded to the city official's words of welcome in a manner creditable to himself and the order he represents. Rev. S. W. Johnson, pastor Boynton M. E. Church, acted as master of ceremonies.

ing visitors. Among the prominent visitors who addressed the assembly was J. H. Anderson, Calvert, national supervisor of the Wonderful Workers of the World, who brought fraternal greeting from his order.

In the afternoon the grand master, grand secretary, and other grand officers made their annual reports, after which the annual election of officers was held, which resulted in practically the entire corps of officers being re-elected.

Some of the salient facts emphasized in the officers' reports were: the order was organized in 1919 with 34 members, and at this session there are present representatives from over 300 lodges or palaces; that in the short space of seven years the membership has grown from 34 to 22,000, scattered over the states of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. The grand master claims that the Loyal Friends of America is the fastest growing institution of its kind in America.

Memorial Services Held.

Tuesday afternoon, at 4 p. m., memorial services were held for the 100 or more deceased members who had died during the year.

At 8 p. m. Rev. J. J. Hardeman, national grand bishop, delivered the annual sermon, and Thursday night the auditorium was packed to its utmost to listen to an address by Dr. Sutton E. Griggs, president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee.

The parade will take place Friday (today), participated in by three companies of uniformed friends from Dallas, Troupe and Flint.

The local palaces entertaining the grand lodge are: Progressive, Houston, Willing Workers, True Workers, Earnest Workers, Excelsior, Leave and Houston Juvenile.

Many Visitors Here.

Among the visitors met by The Informer representative were: Grand Master J. W. Hunt; E. J. Crawford, grand secretary; Mrs. L. E. Haywood, grand recording secretary; Mrs. C. E. Thomas, grand mistress, Dallas; Price A. Wren, grand treasurer, Dallas; Mesdames Josie Kimball, and Geneva Fisher, Jefferson; Mrs. L. M. Long, Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, and Oliver Jackson, Texarkana; Dr. E. J. Cain, Oklahoma City; J. W. Reynolds, Denton; H. G. Graves, McKinney; Dr. B. E. Howell, and Rev. A. W. Cooper, Dallas; J. S. Clayton, Melissa; Mrs. Daisy Pender, Crockett; Mesdames A. E. Dixon Ford, undertaker, Nora Stevens, and Mitchell, Beaumont; Mrs. I. B. Hampton-Williams, embalmer and funeral director Waxahachie; Phil R. Register, Fort Worth.

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NEGRO MASONS BREAK GROUND FOR $440,000 TEMPLE

Ground was broken yesterday afternoon at Seventh Avenue and 144th Street for the Prince Hall Masonic Temple, to be erected by the Prince Hall Lodge of Negro Masons at an estimated cost of $440,000. The ground-breaking was preceded by a parade of members of the lodge, from Eighth Avenue and 155th Street, the marchers being headed by the band of Monarch Lodge of Elks.

A large crowd watched the ceremony and listened to speeches and music. Before lifting the first spadeful of earth, the Rev. Charles D Martin, pastor of the Fourth Moravian Church, produced a small bottle containing water he brought last year from the River Jordan. The clergyman poured this water on the blade of the spade.

Speakers included Joseph Sullivan, Grand Master of Prince Hall Lodge; Edward T. Sherwood jr., Deputy Grand Master; Arthur A. Schonburg, Grand Secretary, and Louis A. Jeppe. Arthur W. Handy was master of ceremonies.

The building is to be a seven-story, fireproof structure. Excavating will get under way to-day and the cornerstone will be laid May 30.

MASONS BUY IN HALL PROPERTY FOR $99,000

Traffic was blocked temporarily Monday by a large crowd, composed principally of colored Masons and Odd Fellows, who assembled at Tenth and U streets northwest, to witness the sale by auction of the Masonic Temple which has stood in an unfinished condition for more than two years. The Odd Fellows desired to purchase the building and dispose of their headquarters at Sixteenth and M streets to the National Geographic Society.

Harry Wardman, acting, it is said, for the Odd Fellows, ran the bidding on the structure up to $98,000, but was outbid by the trustees of the Most Worshipful Acacia Grand Lodge of colored Masons, who bought the building in for $99,000. The sale was made by Alexander Wolf and William L. Houston, trustees appointed by Justice Hitz in equity court, March 2, to dispose of the property by public auction. Title of the property until transferred to the Grand Lodge, is in the New Masonic Hall Building Corporation.

This corporation expended $39,560 for the land, $134,000 for structural work, and owned the Omondaga Litholite company of Rochester $9,500, and Charles Green, colored contractor, $10,000. Other indebtednesses amount to $30,000. The sale was ordered on suit of Charles Datcher Lodge, which culminated in appointment of trustees for disposition of the property.

Colored Masons, it is understood, will conduct a drive at once for the purchase money. They were organized in the national capital in 1825.

NEGROES LAY STONE FOR MASONIC TEMPLE

3,000 Parade With Four Bands to New Building at 144th St. and Seventh Avenue.

The corner stone of the new $450,000 temple of the Prince Hall Masons at 144th Street and Seventh Avenue was laid yesterday afternoon. Three thousand marchers and four bands escorted the officers of the grand lodge for two miles through the streets of Harlem to the scene of the exercises and other thousands lined the streets. Ten thousand persons were present during the addresses that preceded the laying of the stone by Grand Master Joseph Sullivan of Troy.

The new home will be the headquarters of twenty-two lodges of Masons and fourteen chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, exclusively of colored members. It will stand seven stories, be of modern construction, and will have five meeting rooms, an auditorium, a Scottish Rite cathedral, a banquet room, a library, card and reading rooms and a kitchen. Preceding the laying of the stone a check for $25,000 was handed to Bernard Knopp, who, with H. J. DePasso & Co., will erect the building. Bonds issued to the members will service to finance the work.

The building will culminate the efforts of twelve years of the Prince Hall Masons and other colored organizations, who joined in celebrating the final success. Among the paraders, who were headed by a squad of police reserves and the directors of the Prince Hall Temple and Home Association were Manhattan Lodge 145 and Imperial Lodge 127 of Elks, and the Independent United Order of Mechanics. The Knights Templar also paraded. Sidney Davis was grand marshal.

The Rev. Dr. Charles D. Martin, Grand Chaplain, delivering the address of the day, termed the temple another means of uniting all the people of the race and urged that the hand of fellowship be extended by the negroes of this continent to West Indians. Prince Hall, the founder of this branch of Masons, was a West Indian, he pointed out. The failure of negroes to realize the greatness of members of their own race and properly to honor such persons was to be regretted, he said.

It is expected that the building will be completed by Jan. 1.

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COLORED MASONIC LODGES BUILDING MEMORIAL TEMPLE

$500,000 Structure in Upper Manhattan to Be in Honor of Founder, Prince Hall

OBTAINED CHARTER FROM GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

Cornerstone to Be Laid With Appropriate Ceremonies Before Many Guests on May 30

By Lester A. Walton

Public-spirited Negroes in different parts of the country have joined with the forty-five Negro Masonic lodges in the State in the movement to build a fitting monument in honor of Prince Hall of Boston, who, in 1784, secured a charter from the Grand Lodge of England to form African Lodge 489, the first Negro Masonic body in America. The monument will take the form of a temple to be erected at 147-149 West 144th Street, at a cost of $500,000.

Prince Hall and fourteen other free Negroes were initiated in a military lodge attached to one of the regiments under Gen. Gage, at Boston, March 6, 1775. They fought in the Revolutionary War. A warrant was later obtained to set up African Lodge No. 489. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge grew out of the African Grand Lodge, organized in 1791, Prince Hall Grand Master.

The Prince Hall Masonic Temple is being built by the Prince Hall Temple and Home Association, Inc., under the supervision of the State Grand Lodge, Joseph Sullivan of Troy, Grand Master. It will be a modern seven-story elevator structure.

Scottish Rite Too

There will be lodge rooms, a Scottish Rite cathedral with organ, an auditorium to accommodate 1,500, ballrooms, large reception room, a storeroom for the paraphernalia of each organization, recreation rooms, offices of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary and the directors' meeting room.

The Prince Hall Masonic Temple is being erected by the contracting firm of Bernard Knopp and H. J. DePasso. The latter is a Negro. Extensive arrangements are being made for the cornerstone laying, Sunday, May 30.

The Board of Directors of the Prince Hall Temple and Home Association consists of Oscar R. Cassell, President; H. J. DePasso, Vice President; George W. Lockett, Treasurer; Winfred P. Carr, Secretary; Arthur S. Simmons, Andrew J. Wade, Jerome P. Ottley, Mrs. Alice Campbell and S. J. Davis.

Court Fight In Texas Lost By Shriners

AUSTIN, Texas, July 1. — Ritual, emblems, paraphernalia, and pass words of the white shrine can not be used by the colored order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Supreme court held Wednesday in affirming judgments of the lower courts at Houston and Galveston, in the case of A. H. Burrell et al vs. D. W. Michaux et al from Harris county. The national organizations intervened in the case.

D. W. Michaux and other officers of Arabian Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Houston instituted proceedings against the Doric Temple, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the race organization, for an injunction restraining the latter organization from using the rituals, emblems, paraphernalia and pass words of the white Shrine.

The trial court granted the injunction and the court of civil appeals at Galveston affirmed the decision and the Supreme court affirmed both judgments.

MASONS HAVE GREAT MEETING IN THIS CITY

The Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons National Compact), of this city and from other points in Alabama, held a very interesting meeting in Birmingham, last week. The Grand Consistory of Alabama initiated a large number of persons during the three days that it was in session.

Hon. W. H. Benderson, National M. P. Sovereign Grand Commander, of Lynchburg, Va., was present to assist the state organization in the work.

This branch of Masonry is well organized in the State of Alabama, having a large number of subordinate lodges, Royal Masters, Commanderies and the Grand Consistory, said Dr. Carter.

Mr. D. G. Valentine of Mobile, was in the city for several days and along with him came Mr. E. D. Johnson and Felix Levingston. Rev. S. G. Lee of Opelika, brought up the east end of the state and reports that things are going well over that way. Other parts of the state were well represented.

Grand Master Carter reports that the Grand Lodge will meet this year in the City of Opelika, and that many new lodges are being organized in this state.

HIGH MASONIC MEET

ILL. SUMNER A. FURNISS, SUPREME HEAD, EMPHASIZES THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF EDUCATION BY SCHOLARSHIPS BY THIS MASONIC BODY—SET THE PACE—WILL BUILD CATHEDRAL

Philadelphia, Penn., May 13, 1926—The United Supreme Council of the Ancient and Acepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (Prince Hall affiliation) of the Northern Jurisdiction of U. S. A., opened its Fifteenth Tri-Annual of Forthy-fifth Annual Session with divine services, Sunday evening, May 9, 192[illegible] at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 17th and Lombard streets.

Program was as follows: Procession, Opening Hymn, "Jesus Savior Pilot Me;" Scripture reading and Invocation, by the Pastor, Rev. W. H. R. Powell; selection by the Choir; Introductory by D. Howard D. Gould, 33 degree, Deputy of Pennsylvania; Offering; Selection by the Choir; Sermon by Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter, 32

degree, Buffalo, New York; Selection by the Choir; Introduction of Supreme Council Officers, Ill. John P. Scott, 33 degree; Presentation by William H. Heathman, 33 degree Treasurer General, H. E.; Benediction.

The elective officers are as follows: Ill. Sumner A. urniss, 33 degree, Most Pisussant Sovereign Grand Commander, Indianapolis, Ind.; Ill. George W. Crawford, 33 degree, Piussant Grand Lieutenant Commander, New Haven, ConnF.; Ill. Robert C. Barnes, 33 degree, Grand Minister of State, Detroit, Mich.; Ill. William H. Heathman, 33 degree, Grand Treasurer, General H. E., Providence, R. I.; Ill. Joseph J. Lee, 33 degree, Grand Secretary, General H. E., Columbus, O.; Ill. R. W. J. Jeffrey, 33 degree, Grand Recording Secretary, General H. E., Detroit, Mich.; Ill. Howard D. Gould, 33 degree, Grand Keeper of the Archives, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ill. Charles E. Gordon, 33 degree, Grand Master of Ceremonies, Cleveland, O.; Ill. Lewis M. Terrell, 33 degree, Grand Marshall, St. Paul, Minn.; Ill. Robert S. Taylor, 33 degree, Grand Captain of the Guard, Davenport, Ia.; Ill. Joseph W. Moore, 33 degree, Grand Seneschal, Chicago, Ill.; Ill. William H. Miller, 33 degree, Emeritus, Secretary General, Philadelphia, Pa.

Annual Allocation

The Opening Session, Monday morning, May 10, 1926, convened with an unusual large attendance of its membership, at the Pythian Castle, 1th and Addison Streets. At this session, the Most Piussant Soverign Grand Commander, Sumner A. Furniss delivered his Annual Allocation. One of the subjects emphasized by Dr. Furniss in his Annual Message was the policy of the Supreme Council in encouraging Negro Education by creating a number of scholarships for the deserving young men and women. In this connection he said, "Realizing the need for education, especially, higher education among the members of our group and in ordr to put our organization on record in this respect, I last year recommended that you support a movement for more general higher education among our young people. You acquiesced in this suggestion and voted for two scholarships to be given to youn people of our race last year. Your committee on education will rport to you th detail of this award and the results of the same. I am pleased to state that influenced by our action a number of other organizations are taking an interest in educational movements. One organization has embarked in quite an ambitious program. Everywhere we have had favorable comment on our action. I feel that we should continue this movement with the thought in mind that the influence will be far raching and will undoubtedly accomplish much good." Plans are completed for the Cathedral, which will be located in Philadelphia. When completed this building will be one of the handsomest structures owned by Prince Hall Masons.

The Committee on Education of the Suprm Council, composd of William R. Morris, 33 dgree, of Minneapolis, Minn. Chairman; John Paul Scott, 33 degree Harrisburg, Pa., and Robert S. Abbott, 33 degree, Chicago, Ill., made a very interesting report concerning the scholarships awarded by the Suprem Council for the past year. This body was the first Fraternal Organization to award scholarships to the youth of our Race.

On Monday evening, the 33 degree was conferred on a large class. On the same evening a Smoker was tendred the members of the Supreme Council by Pyramid Temple, No. 1, A.E.A.O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at their Mosque, 1434 Catherine Street.

The session was completed on Tuesday with the Tri-Annual Elction of Officrs. The closing event was a Banquet given in honor of the Council by DeMolay Consistory No. 1, S.P.R.S., at the Pythian Castle, 19th and Addison Streets.

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COLORED MASONS DEDICATE TEMPLE

Parade and Dance This Evening Aftermath of Ceremonies Yesterday.

With Dr. Conwell Banton as master of ceremonies, the new Masonic Temple of Hiram Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. (colored), 514 French street, was dedicated yesterday afternoon. The ceremonies were opened with an invocation by Rev. H. Y. Arnett, followed by singing by the Masonic octette. A few introductory remarks were made by Dr. Banton after which pictures were presented to past grand masters.

This was followed by the presentation of working tools. A table in honor of M. T. Sterling, illustrious peer, was presented by Mrs. Carrie M. S. Pipes. The last presentation, a silver loving cup, was made by Past Grand Matron Prudence Penn of the Eastern Star of Pennsylvania.

The address was made by Joseph Sullivan, grand master of the state of New York, in which he congratulated the local Masons for the progressive spirit they have displayed in erecting a building and urged them to continue with their work.

The musical program included solos by Mrs. Helen H. Turner and the Masonic octette. The benediction was delivered by Rev. B. T. Moore.

A parade will precede a dance which will be held this evening in the hall, where the dedication reception will be held. In the parade will be DeMolay Consistory, No. 1, Pyramid Temple, No. 1, and St. Alban's Commandery, all of Philadelphia; Imperial Commandery, of Chester, and St. John's Commandery, (colored) of this city.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS ACQUIRE PYTHIAN HALL FROM ODD FELLOWS; BUILDING SOLD AT SHERIFF'S SALE

The Pythian Temple, located on Schwartz Street, in the Fifth Ward, built some two or three years ago by three local Pythian lodges, was sold Tuesday at sheriff's sale to the highest bidder, to satisfy a judgment held by the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias, colored, of which W. S. Wilis, Dallas, is grand chancellor. The grand lodge of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, who held a second mortgage lien against the said property for $4,700, bought it in for $20,000, the amount of the Pythian's judgment, plus court costs, attorney fees, etc.

Immediately after the sale was consummated at the court house, the Odd Fellows' representatives made public the fact that the property had already been sold, and a check for $2200, the first payment, had been made by King Solomon Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite Mason, (A. F. & A. M.) represented by Grand Master N. N. Boozier, was in the hands of Odd Fellow officials.

Full details of the transaction had not been ascertained by our representative at the time of going to press.

—Georgia Masons Hold Enthusiastic Communication

Signal Testimonial Tendered Grand Master Butler

Macon, Ga., June 10—The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge closed its fifty-sixth annual communication yesterday afternoon after having held one of the most successful in its history.

The attendance was large with a number of representatives who have not been attending communications recently. This is the first time that the Grand Lodge has held a session in Macon in thirty-two years. There was quite a contrast between the two sessions. The former was turbulent and created dissension. The recent one was full of harmony and very inspirational. About one hundred and twenty-five lodges were on record at the former session with less than four thousand members, while at the recent one five hundred and sixty-seven warranted lodges were on roll with twenty-five thousand members. With practically no asset before, but at present the assets ahe fast reaching the half million mark. There were possibly a dozen representatives present who attended the session thirty-two years ago. Among them were S. M. Scarlett, A. S. Stacey, A. L. Felton, G. L. Brown, S. S. Mince, Chas. Clark, W. B. Robinson, J. H. Covington, W. D Savage and the Grand secretary.

The lodges in Macon united themselves in caring for the visitors. Ample homes were secured and each one was well cared for.

Monday morning the Grand Commandery held meeting with Eminent Grand Commander, A. B. DeZon, presiding. Plans were forwarded for an increased number of commanderies in the state. In the afternoon the annual convention of the Royal Arch Grand Chapter was held. The department is growing solidly under the direction of Grand High Priest, J. H. Kendall and his efficient corps of officers.

At night an entertainment was tendered the representatives of this department.

Promptly at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. R .Butler, sounded the gavel and called the Grand Lodge to order. The Grand Secretary and his associates on the committee on credentials, were able to render this report, less than an hour afterwards .

The interesting opening ceremonies were performed and the Grand Lodge entered immediately into business. The Grand Master made his annual address which was replete with the progress of the order received heartily and with much applause. This was followed by the report of the Grand Secretary. After the usual announcements the Grand Lodge was called off until Wednesday morning thus allowing its members to join in the parade and barbecue at Central City Park. The parade was an impressive one, led by the Grand Commandry of Knight Templars and members of the higher degrees. The line wended its way to the Park where a most sumptuous barbecue was prepared and served. The local comserved. The service of the 24th Infantry band started at Fort Benning near Columbus. This band gave a pleasing concert in the park.

For twenty five years Dr. H. R. Butler has been Grand Master.in commemoration of this silver event the Grand Master was appropriately honored. Tuesday evening the spacious auditorium of the Pythian Temple contained a large number of the members of the Grand Lodge and the citizens of Macon who gathered to honor the occasion.

Deputy Grand Master R. E. Hartley, was master of ceremonies and the following program was carried out after singing by the audience.

Invocation, Grand Chaplin, L. A. Towns ly D. D.

"The Grand Master as a Presiding Officer" Rev. A. R. Starling, Grand Senior Deacon."

"The Grand Master as a Mason" Attorney, R. L. Smith, Grand Marshal

"The Grand Master as seen by the Brethern at Home," Dr. J. W. Madison;

Solo, by a former inmate of the Masonic Orphan Home.

Spiritual led by Dr. M. L. Taylor

"The Grand Master as we know Him," Dr. Thos. H. Slater.

"The Grand Master as seen by the

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Eastern Star" Mrs. Amy Johnson.
"The Grand Master as chairman of the Trustee Board," Rev. A. S. Staley, D. D.,
Musical selection.
"The Grand Master as a writer," Mr. S. A. Jones, G.
Spiritual, led by Dr. M. L. Taylor
Presentation by the Grand Secretary and Bishop W. D. Johnson.
Response, Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. R. Butler, A. B., A. M. M. D.
Mrs H. R. Butler was called for quite flouently she responded in her usual pleasing way.

Song led by Dr. M. L. Taylor and benediction by Bishop Johnson.

The Grand Master was presented a beautiful loving cup appropriately engraved with the year of his service. Aside from this cup a large purse was given as a slight token of the members.

After the porgram refreshments were served.

The same evening the newly finished municipal auditorium was the scene of a reception attended by about eight hundred persons. The music was furnished by the 24th Infantry band.

Wednesday morning the Grand Lodge was opened and the other officers reported as well as the several committees A short recess was given to hear the presentation of the work of the Race Relation committee by Mr. David D. Jones. He was heartily received, and right liberally did the Grand Lodge donated to the committee.

The final business of the Grand Lodge was the election and installation . All of the officers were re-elected as follows:

M. W., H. R. Butler, G. M.
R. W., R E. Hartley, D. G. M.
R. W. Z. C. Solomon, S. G.W.
R. W., W. D. Savage, J. G. W.
R. W., G. L. Bowen, G. T.
R. W. , Sol. C. Johnson, G. S.
R. W. Chas. A. Clark, Sec-Treas. O. H.
R. W., J. W. Dobbs Sec.-Treas. M. R. A (26-28)
W., L. A. Townsley, D. D., G. C.
W., J T Greenlee, G L.
W., A. R. Starling, G. S. D.
W., R. B. Cornish, J. G. D.
W., R. H. Cobb, S. G. S.
W., W. A. Flagg, J. G. S.
W. W. L. Smith, G. M
W., W. L. Leonard, G. S. B.
W., S. A. Jones, G. P.
W., S. B. Hill, G. T.

The officers were installed by Past Master G. L. Binyard.

Appropriate resolutions were adopted thanking the Masons and citizens of Macon for entertaining the Grand Lodge.

The next communication will be held in Americus June 1927.

NEGRO MASONS END ANNUAL SESSION

Delegates Hear Accounting of Financial Affairs at Tuskegee

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., July 23.—Special to The Advertiser.—After accounting for $336,649.91 handled by the grand lodge during eleven months ending July 2, including $53,839.60 received by the grand chapter, Eastern Star, composed of wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of Masons, the 49th annual meeting of the Alabama state grand lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, negroes, Walter Thomas Woods, grand master, closed its three days' session, Friday.

Reports Received

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Feature Program

The features of the closing exercises were an enjoyable program furnished by a fraternal delegation which brought greetings from the order of Eastern Star and gave an account of their work during eleven months; inspiring addresses by Mayor Johnston, of the town of Tuskegee, and C. W. Hare, attorney, one of the local trustees of Tuskegee Institute, and the placing of a beautiful wreath on the monument of Booker T. Washington, an address having been delivered by A. C. Caffey, of Montgomery, an intimate friend of Dr. Washington and formerly captain of the Capital City guards, commissioned by Governor Thomas G. Jones.

Accepting the invitation tendered by Colonel Ward, more than a thousand delegates visited the veteran hospital and were cordially received by the colonel and his staff.

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A prayer was offered by Dr. Mitchell, grand chaplain. Recording Secretary W. R. Lee, of Montgomery, read the journal of the last day's work, showing among other things three receipts by treasurer: R. B. Hudson, $262,990.55; J. O. Diffay, $19,819.76; Eastern Star, $53,839.60; grand total, $336,649.91. Special trains from Birmingham and Mobile with large delegations left Friday morning.

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NOTED SHRINE CASE INVOLVING RIGHT OF NEGROES AFFIRMED

Special to The Times Herald

Austin, Oct. 28.—Final chapter in the noted Shrine case from Harris county involving the right of the negro Shrine to use the passwords, emblems and paraphernalia of the white Shrine, was written when the Supreme court overruled motion for rehearing in the case, which assumed a national aspect.

The case was styled A. H. Burrell et al. against D. W. Michaux et al. Michaux and other members of Arabia Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Houston instituted suit in the trial court for a permanent injunction restraining the negro Shrine of Houston from using any of the ritual, passwords, emblems and paraphernalia. The trial court granted the injunction and this was appealed to the First Court of Civil Appeals at Galveston, where the judgment of the trial court was affirmed.

The case was then appealed to the Supreme court, where the national organization of the white and negro Shrine intervened. The case was argued at length after

have contributed their bit to make possible this splendid showing.

Between now and the issuance of the next ownership and circulation statement to the postoffice department, we hope that 2,000 more readers will be added to our long list of satisfied and boosting subscribers. To do this we ask that each reader will influence another to read The Informer, and this goal can be easily accomplished. We thank you in advance!

ANNUAL MEETING YORK RITE MASONS BROUGHT TO CLOSE

(Special to The Reporter)

Opelika, Ala., Oct. 16.—The York Rite Masons National Compact of the State of Alabama, closed an interesting annual session at Opelika last Friday. The meeting was presided over by Grand Master J. B. Carter, who delivered a curious address in his annual message. A large delegation, representing most every section of the State, composed of both men and women, attended the meeting.

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The National Grand Master, S. S. Simmons of Atlanta, Ga., attended the session and in his address paid fine compliment to the work of the order in Alabama and referred interestingly to the various States over which he presides, and informed the craft that the order is in a prosperous and happy state. He was just returning from a trip to the far west and was surprised at the records being made by the fraternity throughout that section.

Several prominent citizens and members of the order accompanied the National Grand Master. These visitors gave many inspiring talks during their stay and at times the meeting was flooded with oratory and an exhortation on the ancient landmarks. It was Grand Master Carter's address in his morning messages that fired the craft to action. His talks dwelt on charity, education, community uplift, Christianity and race building.

According to the various reports, the membership showed a decided increase over any previous year. All departments showed a net gain and the indicatiosn are that greater progress will be made this fraternal year. The Grand Charity Department, headed by D. G. Valentine of Mobile, as secretary and D. A. Marable of LaFayette, treasurer, has met successfully every claim submitted, and much relief work is being done in this field of service. The Burial Deartment, with O. L. Craig of Birmingham, secretary, and Rev. P. M. Davis of Anniston, treasurer, has proved an excellent asset to the fraternity.

Dr. C. L. Dunn of Birmingham and C. H. Jenkins in charge of the Building Department, made a very flattering report and the craft was surprised with the progress being made.

The Ladies' Court, a branch of the fraternity, was well represented. No doubt the largest delegation attended in the history of this department. Many hundreds have been initiated in the last fraternal year and Mrs. Emma J. Goins, with her efficient corps of officers, are steadily carrying the work forward and they added much strength to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Court officers were all re-elected. Dr. J. B. Carter was re-elected Grand Master by acclamtion and a special membership drive was launced by the Grand Lodge and several members are expected from this effort.

The Royal Arch and Knights Templars were all in evidence at the Grand session; officers elected were Daniel G. Valentine, Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Dr. P. M. Davis, G. Deputy Grand High Priest and R. R. Williams, Most Excellent G. King.

Prof. A. M. Pope, secretary, and Hon. F. D. Burton, treasurer of the Olive Branch Grand Lodge were highly complimented on their reports, which were approved by the auditing committee. The Deputy Grand Master Dr. J. L. Wilson, made an excellent report of his visits to the various local lodges throughout Alabama and Mississippi.

The fifty-third session of the Grand Lodge, York Rite Masons, goes down as the best in the history of the order in Alabama, with the re-election of all officers, and willconvene the second Tuesday in October, 1927.

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Relief to Come Only Through Blue Lodge is Ruling. McDonald's Attempt to Sell Bank to be Considered. University Project Defeated. Much Dissatisfaction Evident as Attempts to Discuss Interest on Moneys is Twarted.

(Wm. M. Thomas)

Ft. Worth, Texas, June 26—For a week "Cow Town" has been the host of the Grand Chapter of the Free and Accepted Masons of Texas. The "Mosque" has seen thousands enter its gates and within the Mysterious Shrine of the Herocans of Jericho, the sacred halls of those who look ever forward the Eastern Star, the solemn Chambers of the Royal Arch and the Temple of Solomon, everything has gone on from "love feast" to political war.

Every type of political strategy reports show that the effort to give the Royal Arch the skates was successful but the one to establish a University was defeated. The attempt of Grand Secretary McDonald to sell the Masons the Fraternal Bank & Trust Co., was undefeated Reports show that G. M., Kirk had promised to give those who championed the Royal Arch cause a chance to show their side, his attitude toward the whole situation was shown when he read an edict to the Grand Lodge and recommended that it be made a law whose infraction was punishable by expulsion.

Recommendation Banishes Royal Royal Arch

The following is the recommendation of Grand Master Kirke which practically abolished the Royal Arch Chapter:

"WHEREAS, the said Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Texas did practically adopt the following recommendation by me in the 50th Grand Lodge communication to-wit:

I recommend that in event the Grand Royal Arch Chapter refuses to support the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, withdraw its cooperation and endorsement of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter and that the Grand Lodge empower the Grand Master to convene a convention of Royal Arch Chapter and we do well that all Relief and Burial Department for Benefit of Master Masons may be operated only through Blue Lodge of Masonry or Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Texas.

That all Master Masons or all Past Master Masons, holding obedience to edict, regulations, rules, laws and constitution of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Texas, who may ignore, violate or attempt to violate this edict or regulation or decision by attempting to assess tax or collect through methods, mail or otherwise the dues and fees from Master Masons prohibited by the edict regulations or ruling shall be deemed guilty of an un-Masonic act and of violating his oath as a Master Mason and charge shall be filed against him by any Master Mason in the Grand Lodge, if the brother accused is a Master Mason and upon due trial and conviction in accordance with the Constitution of Most Worthy Grand Lodge of F. A. M. of Texas, the said brother shall be expelled.

That a proclamation or edict be issued requiring all Master Masons holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge and all foreign Grand Lodges with whom we affiliate to uphold the Royal Arch Chapter so credited to be the only Royal Arch Chapter in Texas.

Therefore we rule (1) that no Master Mason or Past Master Mason shall ever assess a Master Mason or give receipt to or collect from a Master Mason any dues or assessment styled or known as Relief, Death Benefits or any funds fees or assessments that flow into the treasury of our department of Masonry styled and known as Royal Arch Knight, Templar or Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine, except all such fees, dues assessment, relief and burial benefits of said departments as have been adopted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. A. Masons of Texas and it approval given before such fees or assessments are collected. (2) That no department of Masonry known and styled as Grand Royal Arch, Grand Knight Templars or Mystic Shrine shall ever operate a Burial or Relief Benefit Department in the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. And so, like a thunderbolt, ended as report gives it. Bill McDonald attack on the Royal Arch Relief which has covered a period of several years.

University Plan Defeated

The plan, that had its birth in the mind of Wm. McDonald, to establish a Masonic University was utterly defeated when brought to the delegates in mass meeting. So keen was the opposition to the plan that those who sponsored it did not call for a vote. There were both negative and affirmative arguments as to the possibility of such an idea materializing. The opposition was represented by A. W. Jackson of Rosenberg, who showed very plainly the improbability of such a huge sum of money being raised for such an undertaking.

W. O. Bundy of Fort Worth spoke second for the opposition and proved that should the entire finances of F. and A. M. of Texas be used in such a project the plant resulting therefrom would not be of the type necessary to demand patronage. He further showed that any attempt to put on such a project would mean suffering for some other department of Masonry. The third speaker for the opposition was Prof. Fowler of Texas College who showed that the Masons of Texas were not able to erect and equip a University in Texas superior to any "A" class college already established and should therefore not attempt the same. The plan was supported by W. L. Dickson of Gilmer, Texas, Rev. Swancey of Beaumont and William McDonald, Grand Scribe. The main argument was made by McDonald who seemed to aim at ridiculing the opposition rather than giving proof that his plan would work and could be financed without any other Department of Masonry suffering. When the cloud of battle had cleared away it was evident everywhere that McDonald had lost his case.

Refuses to Discuss Interest.

Reports have it that quite a bit of commotion was had when delegates to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge began to grow restless when they failed to hear a report on interest accumulated on their money. The Masonic Budget says that some $392,935.14 has been collected during year of 1926, but no mention was made in Grand Secretary's report as to how much interest had been acquired in the name of the F. A. M. of Texas. Further reports have it that those responsible refused to discuss "Interest" on money when it was brought to their attention.

Grand Master Kirk evaded and ignored the "Interest Issue" each time it was brought to the attention of the house not withstanding the fact that such men as J. J. Burnett of Cleburne; Prof. Pratt of Dallas and other able men made desperate attempt to force the issue.

The following is a statement of the year's collections:

Masonic Grand Total	$223,428.47
Heroines of Jericho	
Grand Total	84,668.17
Eastern Star Grand Total	14,837.50
All Bodies Grand Total	$392,935.14

McDonald Offers to Sell Bank

The Fraternal Bank and Trust Co. was offered for sale to F. & A. M. Masons of Texas. Bishop McKinney of Sherman, appealed to the Masons to take over this institution and operate it as "Masonic Bank and Trust Co."

Grand Master Kirk took the matter under advisement and appointed committee of 7 to determine the legality of the proposed transaction and report to the Grand Council. In case a favorable report is brought in the report is to be sent to local lodges and by their vote it is to be accepted or rejected.

The following compose the committee: Prof. Wm. Coleman, El Paso, Chairman; Prof. Moore, Marshall; Dr. Oliver, Ft. Worth; Dr. Roberts, Palestine; L. D. Lyons, and C. H. Hogan, Brenham.

Two Changes In Official Family

Only two changes were made in the official family. Bishop McKinney declined office of Grand Prelate and Price Wren that of Grand Tiler. Rev. Swanson replaced Bishop McKinney and Gomez of Houston replaced Wren.

Boston Masonic Mecca When Shriners And Knights Templars Assemble From All Sections At Prince Hall Shrine

Boston, Mass.—Boston, the birthplace of Prince Hall Masonry in this country, was the Mecca toward which thousands of Negro Masons journeyed for the assembling of the conventions of the Knights Templar, the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the International Conference of Royal Arch Masons, the conference of Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masonry, the convention of the Order of Eastern Star, the annual session of the Heroines of Jericho and the meeting of the Order of Cyrenes.

Special significance attached to this session, since it afforded opportunity for a journey to the grave of Prince Hall, originators of Negro masonry where a service of tribute was held.

The Shriners' parade was a gorgeous and spectacular affair. Medina Temple of New York City was one of the most conspicuous bodies in line. Other groups that were favorably viewed came from Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Washington, Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Several thousand Shriners marched, while scores of automobiles were at the service of the Daughters of Isis.

Prize drills were held in the Arena auditorium, a huge structure, and the first prize of $1,000 in the Shriners' drill wa swon by the Chicago team. Medina, New York, took second prize, $900. In Knights Templars drill contest, the prizes went to Chicago, New York, and Washington, in the order named.

Caesar R. Blake, jr., was re-elected for the seventh time as head of the Shriners, and it was decided to hold the 1927 session at Newark, N. J. The Knight Templars meet again in 1929 at Chicago.

Mrs. M. A. Parker of Washington was named as interstate president of the Order of Cyrenes; Crittenden Clark, past grandmaster of Missouri is president of the conference of grandmasters.

ALABAMA MASONS IN 49TH ANNUAL SESSION SHOW PROGRESS; W. T. WOODS REELECTED G. M.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., July 20.—Special to The Reporter—The Tuskegee Institute Chapel was well filled today with delegates representing 947 local lodges and a membership of some 35,000 in all parts of the State, when Grand Master W. T. Woods sounded the gavel and called to order the 49th annual session of the Alabama Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

Reporter 7-24-26 Birmingham Ala.

Grand Master Woods who has served as head of the order so acceptably for thirteen years was re-elected for the fourteenth successive term and in accepting the honor made an appropriate address in which he set forth the mission of Masonry and the ideals for which it stands.

Dr. G. W. Mitchell, of Mobile, Grand Chaplain, conducted the devotional exercises, and Mr. Charles H. Evans, of Tuskegee, acting master of ceremonies introduced Mr. R. R. Taylor, Vice Principal of Tuskegee Institute, delivered the welcome to the Grand Lodge in behalf of the School, and said that the welcome to all has already been made years ago by Dr. Washington and that he simply complied with the standing sentiment of that remarkable man whose expressed wishes will always be cherished and perpetuated by Dr. Moton and his successors.

"Free Masonry and Tuskegee Institute stand for the same principals of law observance, right living and leaders of broad vision and high motives," said Principal Taylor, in closing his address.

The speaker called attention to the life of Booker T. Washington in his broad sympathies for his race and with all races. A telegram from President Moton was read. Dr. Belsaw moved that the grand lodge accept the telegram from Dr. Moton and that the grand lodge reply expressing sympathy with him in his physical ailment. Welcome in behalf of the local lodges was given by Mr. William H. Carter; for the citizens of Tuskegee by Mr. T. M. Campbell, special agent of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Able responses to the addresses were delivered by Editor Oscar W. Adams, of Birmingham, Dr. E. T. Belsaw, of Mobile, Dr. W. J. Turner, of Tennessee and Grand Master Woods.

Grand Master's Address

Grand Master W. T. Woods' address, filled with much that was inspiring to the craft and excellent counsel and advice, was said to be the greatest ever heard in grand lodge circles. He spoke in part as follows:

"The mission of Masonry is love, charity, sympathy and peace; it dictates to no man politically or religiously; it holds kindly feelings toward all mankind. All who recognize a supreme being or force, or power, or spirit, that controls the universe are at liberty to enter and enjoy its teachings and practices.

Mission of Masonry

"This humane institution has accomplished untold good, and will continue its noble work of benefiting mankind by teahing all the virtues by enlarging the intellectual horizon, by inspiring man with the priciples of equality and fraternity according to capacity, and by so disciplining the mind that it may triumph over passion, hate, vice, pity the vicious and hold charity for all mankind, with malice toward none. In the language of Cicero: "It initiates man into a new order of life, more worthy of a being destined for immortality!

"It is an institution that is free from prejudice, superstition and intolerance. Its golden shield of humanity and brotherly love covers its members, whether in success or adversity. It is an institution that teaches law the mighty and unceasing conflicts of truth with error, light with darkness, beauty with deformity, virtue with vice, and life with death, are to be won for the glory and good of mankind.

"It is an institution that feels the divine presence in the inspiration of the soul. That reads the story of the universe in the rocks of the earth and in the shining wheels of the firmament; an institution that uses reason for its lamp, education and truth for its guide, and which has humanity for men and reverence for God as its chief aim, may this grand institution live through all the generations to come and may it continue to increase its good work throughout the world.

"Let us at this time unite with our Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain in asking divine blessing from the grand Master above on our sessions and Masons wherever dispersed around the Globe.

"Eleven months have passed since the last meeting of our grand lodge and with the eleven months, have passed, the lives of 303 who were active in the interests of our order, we spend our years as a tale that is told. Things pass away, so do customs and laws and nations and men—only God remains the same yesterday, today and forever; with Him there is no change; neither shadow that is caused by His turning. In Him is our trust. He is our confidence and our defense, our truth is lasting only as it is based in Him; our work is enduring only as it is built in His spirit; our love is eternal only as it is like His; our life is eternal only as it is lived in Him. He has made us into Himself, and our hearts are at rest only as they are in peace with Him.

Addresses Farmers

"My Dear Brethren, you who feed and clothe the world and fill the packing houses. We hail you as the real masters of industry. We are all proud of you. You have every reason to feel proud of yourselves. Every man is looking to you for the increase or decrease of the food product. Wall Street and all other stock exchanges; even the city of Birmingham, the great metropolis of the South, where your Masonic temple is the greatest building owned by Masons or colored people anywhere in the world, would cease to be if it were not for you.

"You hold the destiny of the world in your hands. Yet, I say to you as I say to every other trade and profession here represented today, to be careful, diligent and economical; save all the money you can, purchase homes, have clean and up to date homes and stop renting and buy homes. Work diligently and live honorably and be known as one of the most sober, peaceful and quiet citizens in your community.

"As a Master Mason, this is expected of you and when you fail, you know well the results to the craft in general. The right kind of Masonic life not only saves the name of the order, but far above all, it saves our own names in the community and state in which we reside," he said.

Second Day's Session

The second day of the Grand Lodge opened with the usual devotional exercises conducted by the Grand Chaplain, Dr. G. W. Mitchell, and following the reading of the journal, the body plunged into the work of reporting from the various department. All reports were verified by the auditors.

Grand Treasurer J. O. Diffay made his report as follows:

Grand total received from all sources during 11 months	$ 19,819.76
Cash balance on hand July 2, 1926	4,915.04

This report was signed by C. H. Evans, George W. Baugh and J. J. Knox, auditors.

A summary of the report of R. B. Hudson, endowment treasurer, showed:

Total amount forwarded from last year	$ 14,619.71
Received during this year	248,370.84
Total yearly receipts	$262,990.55
Paid out during year	$232,225.34
Balance on hand July 1, 1926, with some outstanding checks	$ 30,765.21

Endowment Secretary A. A. Peters reported $214,546.19 received from lodges, $16,087.60 received from temple rent and Mobile property; $12.61 from other sources, making a total received for 11 months, $230,646.40. Number of claims admitted, 294, valued at $92,003.87.

The reports of Endowment Secretary Peters and Endowment Treasurer R. B. Hudson were heard with intense interest by more than a thousand representatives and received with enthusiasm.

Col. Joseph H. Ward, in charge of the Veterans' Hospital, was introduced to the Grand Lodge by Dr. E. T. Belsaw. Dr. Ward stated among other things, that there were 540 patients in the hospital, under 50 experienced nurses, and invited members of the Grand Lodge to visit the great $5,000,000 institution for colored veterans, fostered and supported by the United States. Dr. Ward was accompanied by Secretary A. L. Holsey of Tuskegee Institute, who stated that Col. Ward is not only an asset to the State of Alabama and a credit to his race, but that he had the highest endorsement of the entire population of his own home city in Indiana.

P. D. Davis, secretary of the Grand Lodge, reported among other things 644 lodges in good standing, with a membership of 22,570, in the state. His report showed $16,021.09 turned over to the Grand Treasurer, J. O. Diffay.

Medical Register Dr. L. L. Burwell of Selma, in his report for 11 months, showed an increase of 4,777 members received during the year, against 5,315 for 12 months the previous year.

Perhaps the most interesting, comprehensive and inspiring report was read by William H. Carter, accountant for the order and treasurer of Tuskegee Institute.

A summary of the report read as follows: The report of the endowment department showed the revenue for the year 1230,000.00. During the year 294 death claims have been filed, totaling $92,000.00. The report shows that all obligations of the Grand Lodge have been paid. Speaking of the condition of the Grand Lodge, it was shown that the present assets amount to $745,360.19. Seven hundred and twenty thousand of this is a seven-story, fire-proof brick Masonic Temple on Four Avenue and Seventeenth Street in Birmingham. In speaking of the growth of the order, figures were given showing that during the past seven years there have been paid into the endowment department $1.250,00.00—$647,000.00 of this amount has been applied toward the erection of the temple.

Greetings from several state jurisdictions were read by Dr. W. J. Turner, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

Election of Officers

The reports from the various committees, showing the financial standing of the order, accounting for property value at one million dollars, gave a very high tone to the Grand Lodge, during which Dr. E. J. Jones of Talladega, moved that all of the Grand Lodge officers be unanimously re-elected. The motion was carried without a dissenting vote. It was remarked by one of the members of the lodge that it used to take several hours to elect officers, sometimes all night; but today all of these officers were elected in one minute.

Grand Lecturer E. G. Humphrey, John L. Garrett and J. B. Baker, made encouraging reports of the fine work being done by the local lodges in the state.

J. J. Poe reported fraternal greeting from the State Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M., of the State of Washington.

J. W. Thomas, Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction of Louisiana, brought greetings from the Negro Masons of his state.

Addresses Feature

Among those who delivered inspiring addresses on the progress of the order in the state, showing that 15 years ago the order was $100,000 in debt, and now owned property valued at a million dollars, were Grand Master Woods, Endowment Treasurer Hudson, Grand Lodge Treasurer J. O. Diffay, Capt. A. C. Caffey, Prof. T. H. Randall of Montgomery; Secretary P. D. Davis, Dr. E. T. Belsaw, Accountant Wm. H. Carter, Endowment Secretary A. A. Peters, and Oscar W. Adams. In all of the addresses, eulogistic references were made to Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute, and one of the leading Negro Masons in the country.

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ELECTIONS BY ACCLAMATION CHARACTERIZE MASONIC CONVENTIONS

NEXT CONVENTIONS TO BE IN NEWARK AND CHICAGO

Boston, Mass., Aug. 28—Nine distinct organizations of the Masonic fraternity, each an entity of the world's oldest fraternal organization, have concluded their sessions in Boston, Mass. Not for another three years will these bodies again meet in one city. Chicago, Ill., has been selected for the next joint meeting in 1929. Meanwhile those lodges having state organizations will meet within the borders of their respective states, while the A.E.A. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and its appendant body, the Daughters of Isis, will meet in Newark, N.J., during the fourth week of August next year.

Very few changes have taken place in the elected offices of any of the organizations. The entire Imperial Divan of the Shrine was re-elected by one unanimous vote cast by Eugene Phillips of New York, the only living active Past Imperial Potentate of the Order. Caesar R. Blake, Jr., heads the order for the seventh term.

Twenty-nine of the thirty-six state Grandmasters of Prince Hall Masonry in this country attended the conference of Grandmasters. Many were accompanied by their Grand Secretaries and Grand Lecturers. It was the largest assembly of the titular heads of symbolic Masonry that has ever occurred in this country without regard to color considerations. The reverent respect tendered to the august body as its members moved through the streets of Boston en route to conduct a memorial service, at the grave of Prince Hall, founder of Masonry among Negroes, constituted a remarkable tribute to the craft.

Memorial Services

The ceremonies at Copps Hill Cemetery where the monument erected by Masons stands over the final resting place of the soldier craftsman of Revolutionary days were impressive. After this visit, the body resumed its session with the original charter granted to Prince Hall exposed with the "great lights" of the order upon the chesterfield. The document had been brought under guard of the Boston police department from a vault in the Boston Safety Deposit Company for the occasion.

The officers elected by this organization for the next three years were P. G. M. Crittenden E. Clark of St. Louis, president; Robert W. Brown of vice-president; John L. Hubert of Willard W. Allen of Baltimore, Md., 2nd vice-preident; John L. Hubert of Wilmington, Del., secretary, and S. C. Johnson of Aiken, S.C., treasurer.

The Deacons

The entire group of Grandmasters present were made members of the Deacons' Club of Prince Hall Masons, the body adjourning one of its sessions for a short period for that purpose. The national secretary of the Deacons, J. A. Jackson, ranking member present, was given an associate membership in the Grandmasters' conference, a most unusual distinction for one not of Grand Lodge rank.

Grandmaster Joseph Sullivan of New York supervised the opening of the Deacons' session. The Deacons conducted ritualistic ceremonies for nineteen candidates, and authorized the executive committee to re-arrange the ritual, manual and reorganize the official staff.

Albert R. Lee became Grandmaster of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templars, the constitution being amended to substitute that title for the former one of president; and the name of the body being changed from conference to encampment. Few changes occurred in the official roster as a result of the election.

Womens' Auxiliary

The Order of Cyrene, the women's organization associated with the Knights Templars elected Mrs. Mary A. Parker of Washington, D.C., as Interstate Royal Grand Commandress. This body, too, will meet next in Chicago in 1929.

The Daughters of Isis re-elected their officers. They will meet in Newark next year.

The convention attracted more than ten thousand Masons to the city. The Governor of the state and the mayor of Boston reviewed the parades of the two major organizations. Newspapers were most generous in the volume of space and praise tendered to ventions.

and a reception at the ntry Club were the ma- though a score of smaller affairs and two mid-night shows, to say nothing of a boxing exhibition by Harry Wills provided amply for the lighter side of life.

The boxing bout attracted ten thousand people of both races to the arena, the largest auditorium in the city. The dances, too, just about filled the big structure. There were hundreds of white patrons at both of these affairs.

Washingtonians Prominent

Washington Masons were prominent in the activities of every one of the organizations and in the publicity the conventions commanded. From the time Mecca Temple patrol disembarked from their special train on Sunday until the final paper Saturday, some Washington personage found himself in the limelight.

More than three hundred Washington people were in Boston. Over 187 left the capital on a special train on Saturday, August 21 and over a hundred more motored to Boston.

The harmony that prevailed, the extensive charitable program laid down, the educational policy adopted, the donations made to several of the civil rights organizations, including the N.A.A.C.P. and the Civil Rights League, all mark the Boston sessions as being undoubtedly the most remarkable gathering of Masons ever assembled in the history of the order.

FALL PROGRAM FOR "Y" GIRLS BEING MADE

The officials of the Phyllis Wheatley Y.W.C.A. are busily engaged in preparing the fall program for the girls. The regular girls clubs and reserve organization meetings will be resumed in September. The Girls Reserve secretary, Miss Irene Huff, has just returned from New York where she complete da six weeks' course in the National Y.W.C.A. School. She will begin the new season with two weeks' hiking for the girls. The first of these trips will be at 1 p.m., Tuesday, September 6.

The swimming class conducted at Dunbar High School has been terminated, but the sewing class for little girls continues.

With the return of Miss C. C. Armstead and Mrs. M. F. Thompson, the executive staff will have concluded its vacation with the exception of Mrs. L. McRae, house director, who leaves next week for a fortnight.

HISTORY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE TO BANQUET

Professor James E. Shepard of Durham, N.C., chairman of the Committee of One Hundred, engaged in creating a more general interest in raising an endowment fund for the Association for the study of Negro Life and History, will be host to the committee and a selected group of guests at the Whitelaw Hotel on October 3. The affair will attract to Washington a number of the leading educators and most prominent business men of the country. Carter G. Woodson of this city is the active head of the organization.

Were Masons Duped? Harlem Asks; Work Stopped On Incomplete $500,000 Temple

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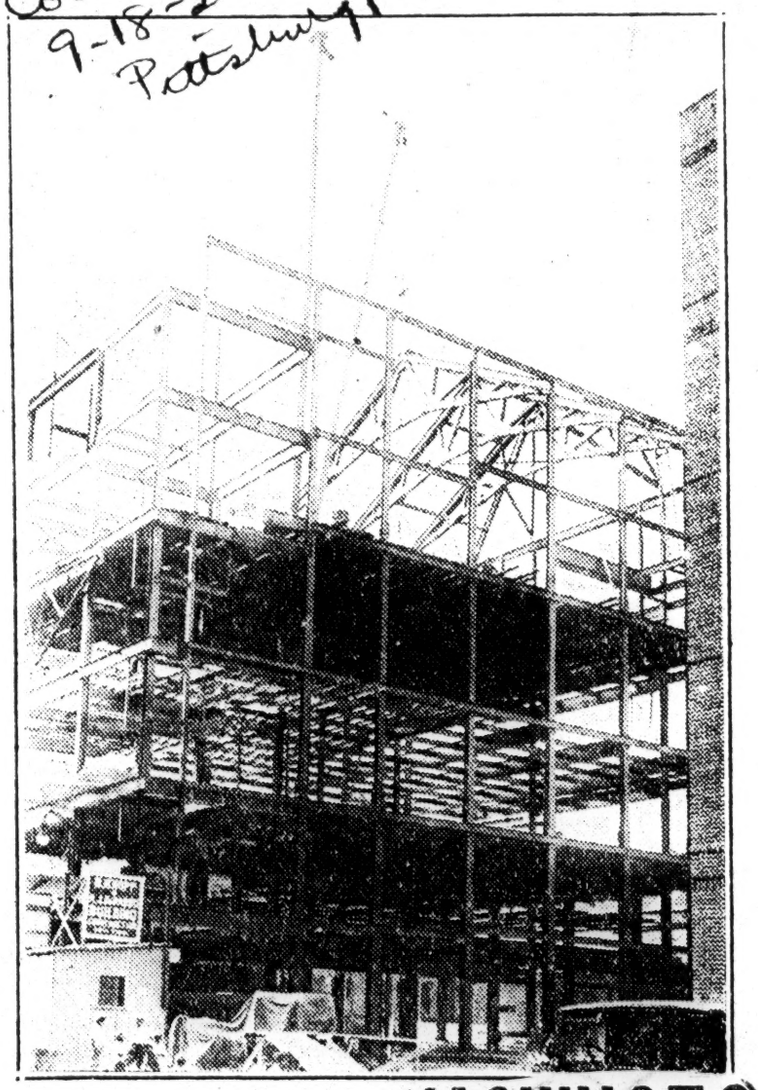

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Harlem is now asking if the Prince Hall Masons were duped. Work stopped several weeks ago on the proposed $500,000 temple at 165 W. 144th street, the cornerstone of which was laid on last Decoration Day. With only the steel frame up, as is shown in photo above, and the Masons making frantic appeals to the public and to members of their organization, it has been learned the fraternal order had only $25,000 cash in hand to begin the structure. H. J. DePasso, member of the building committe and also a partner in the firm o Knopf & DePasso, builders, whic has the contract for the building would not give any information o the subject except that he expect to see work on the building resume within a few weeks. Others say the believe the Masons stand to lose th $25,000 already invested, and th proposition will be a failure. Th late David W. Parker, grand maste until his death two years ago, refuse to sanction the project.

WASHINGTON NEW MASONIC TEMPLE SOLD

Difficulties Encountered By Grand Lodge In Effort To Finance Completion Of Construction Of Building.

RECONVEYANCE OF THE PROPERTY HOPED FOR

(Special Correspondence)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 22.—The unfinished Masonic building at Tenth and U Streets, northwest, has been conveyed to S. J. Solomon, white the records of the office of the Recorder of Deeds show.

Norfolk Va. Journal & Guide 9-25-26 Norfolk, Va.

The deed transferring title in the property in fee simple to Mr. Solomon was recorded last Saturday after the deed of the court trustees, Alexander Wolf and William L. Houston, conveying the property to the Most Worshipful Acacia Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District fo Columbia, had been recorded.

Deed Recorded

A deed of trust to the Second National Bank securing the court trustees the payment of the sum of $66,000, the deferred purchase money, was also recorded. It was given by the Most Worshipful Acacia Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

Both the deed of trust and the deed to Mr. Solomon were signed on behalf of the Grand Lodge by Charles P. Ford, Grand Master, and attested by Charles D. Freeman, Grand Secretary.

According to Grand Master Ford there is an agreement between Mr. Solomon and the Grand Lodge providing for the reconveyance of this property when the structure has been completed and certain conditions are complied with. This agreement was not recorded at the time the three deeds were recorded.

The conveyance to Mr. Solomon was made for financial reasons, says Grand Master Ford. A loan in a sufficient amount to complete the structure could not be obtained with title in the Grand Lodge, he claims, and for that reason the proposition of Mr. Solomon was accepted. This agreement, he says, will be recorded at the proper time.

Work To Be Resumed

Work on the unfinished building will be resumed this Friday afternoon. There have been some changes in the plans and specifications in order to make the completed structure yield the largest possible amount of revenue, Grand Master Ford says. The work is to be completed within fifteen months.

The uncompleted Masonic building was sold at public auction on April 12, last, by order of Justice William Hitz of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia as the result of litigation brought by the Charles Datcher Lodge No. 15, Allan A. C. Griffith and Dr. Elias G. Evans against the New Masonic Hall Corporation.

Differences between the two opposing Masonic factions could not be reconciled. The committe was unable to obtain the loan. It made its report to the court on January 20, 1926, and was discharged. In its report it recommended that the property be sold. March 2, 1926, Justice Hitz ordered the property sold and appointed Attorneys Houston and Wolf, trustees to make the sale.

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GRAND MASTER OF NEGRO ORDER SUBMITS REPORT

Mosaic Templars In Alabama Have Had Year of Much Activity.

At the opening of Thursday's session of the Mosaic Templars of America, officials and delegates got down to business. The memorial services were held Wednesday night at St. John A. M. E. church. The address was delivered by Rev. Spurgeon Davis, pastor of the First Paptist church.

With the exception of short addresses by R. A. Blount, B. L. Windham, J. O. Diffay, G. T. Buford and Rev. F. W. Jacobs, the morning session was taken up with reports from various committees and the presentation of resolutions.

At 2:30 p. m. the auditorium was packed to capacity to listen to the biennial report of the state grand master L. L. Powell. S. J. Elliott, national grand master, was presiding and promptly at 2:30 presented the state grand master. The grand master's report was an extensive review of the work in the state for the past two years. He dwelt at length upon the difficulties experienced by the pioneer organizers of the order in Alabama. He discussed the work of the various departments and offered many recommendations and in summing up, paid a tribute to the national officials and his state officials for their help and cooperation.

In his report, the grand master said in part:

"Fellow officers and members of this grand lodge:

"It gives me pleasure to render on account to you of my stewardship for the past two years. Many years have passed but to many it seems but yesterday when Cyrus McIntosh, an humble minister of the gospel from Arkansas, came into Alabama and began to preach the doctrine of the Mosaic Templars of America. Like most crusaders, he was meek but stern, modest but aggressive, humble but fearless, courageous but God fearing and thus he pressed onward. McIntosh was preaching an unknown and untried gospel. He was espousing a cause that had its origin in the brain of a negro. The recently emancipated slave was skeptical, grouping in darkness and was slow to take hold of any movement which had not the white man's seal of approval stamped upon it. It was out of this condition that McIntosh wrong success.

"It has been a long step from those days to the present. At that time we had a handful of members hovering upon the banks of the Tennessee river. Today we have a host covering the state of Alabama. The old members are fast crossing the river and many faces that we knew so well are missing in this meeting. Since last we met, we have paid out in burial benefits $45,685.00.

"In spite of a hight death rate migration and unsatisfactory conditions in the farming communities, Alabama has managed to maintain its lead of all state jurisdictions. In addition to being the leading state we have given to the national official staff such stalwarts as S. J. Elliott, J. H. McConico and R. L. Reynolds. Members of this grand lodge are now serving as state grand masters of Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Florida. During the last fiscal year we had 975 local lodges. They collected $87,565.30, disbursed $57,151.08 leaving a balance in local treasure of $30,414.22.

"We own 92 local lodge halls valued at $500 each, our old folks and orphans home site and our state temple building are valued at $85,000 making a grand total of $141,000.

"With the grand old order now in the hey day of its glory, I submit this report and recommit to you the great office entrusted to my keeping."

U. S. JUDGES WILL GET CASE

Austin, Tex., July 9.—With two decisions against them in state courts, the Ancient Egyptian Order of the Nobles of Mystic Shriners in this jurisdiction now look for redress in the United States supreme court. The national organization through its attorneys, are said to be drafting plans to carry the question of their rights to exist under the same ritual, emblems, paraphernalia, and password as the white order to the highest tribunal for final settlement.

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This action became necessary following the recent decision of the supreme court of Texas which affirmed the judgment of the lower court sustaining an injunction, of White Shriners, the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, against the Egyptian order, thereby prohibiting the latter organization from using the same paraphernalia, rules and regulations characteristic of the white body.

The case was appealed from Harris county in the case of Burrell vs. Micheaux. It followed the granting of the injunction. The national organization of both bodies intervened and the contest waxed hot in legal debate by high-priced counsel on both sides. The supreme court heard the final argument Feb. 5.

Prejudice on the part of the white order began in Texas shortly after the Ku Klux came into power, and Klansmen noted with a marked degree the rise of the Shrine organization among our people. Parades in which the Egyptian order participated, wearing paraphernalia similar to the white body, stimulated further the opposition on the part of the whites.

The case came to court when D. W. Micheaux and other officers of the Arabic temple of the Masonic Shrine of Houston instituted proceedings against the Doric temple, Ancient Egyptian order, for an injunction restraining them from operating under the same ritual and password.

The trial court granted the injunction and the first court of civil appeals at Galveston affirmed the decision and the state supreme court affirmed both judgments.

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Flashlights In Negro Circles

Sunday, June 27, was Masonic day in Alabama when lodges in every section of the state assembled in churches, school auditoriums and castle halls to hear sermons, addresses and programs commemorating the memory and eulogizing the life of John the evangelist, an eminent potentate of ancient craft Masonry. Montgomery, Mobile, Selma, Tuscaloosa, Decatur, Anniston and Birmingham were the scenes of the largest crowds in the history of the order. Members of the Order of Eastern Star were also out in large numbers.

The address in Anniston was delivered by Grand Master W. T. Woods to a large outpouring of citizens which taxed the capacity of the Seventeenth Street Baptist church, including members of the order and citizens in all walks of life. Following a preliminary program, Woods was nitroduced and spoke for more than an hour, reviewing the history of the order in Alabama, telling of its present progress, the principles for which Masons should stand and ended with a strong appeal to race members to be 100 per cent Americans, lead lives of honesty and sobriety and live up to their economic opportunities in the south. The address was well received and Woods was tendered a reception following the exercises.

One of the largest crowds that ever gathered for a Masonic event met at the temple, Fourth avenue and Seventeenth street, north, Birmingham, Sunday afternoon and listened to a sermon by Dr. P. W. Walls, pastor of the Payne Chapel A. M. E. church, and addresses by Oscar W. Adams and others. G. T. Buford acted as master of ceremonies for the occasion and upwards of 10 local lodges were represented. The Masons of Woodlawn, Avondale and East Lake celebrated at the Jackson Street Baptist church, Woodlawn. A splendid musical program was rendered and officers of local Masonic lodges and Eastern Star chapters appeared on the program. The principal address was delivered by P. D. Davis, Sunday, July 1, at 3 p. m. The Masons of Jasper will celebrate under special dispensation from Grand Master Woods.

GRAND LODGE

Plans have just been completed with local railroad officials and Chairman W. H. Howard, of the Southeastern Passenger association, Atlanta, for rate of one and one-half fare from all points in Alabama to Tuskegee and return on the identification certificate plan, on account of the forty-ninth annual communication of the grand lodge of Alabama, to be held at Tuskegee institute Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 20-22.

According to information just issued from the office of the grand secrtary, a special train will leave Birmingham over the L. & N. railroad, Monday, July 19, at 1:30 p. m., for Tuskegee, via Montgomery, making stops at every station where delegates purchase tickets. Certificates are being mailed out from the office of the grand secretary to representatives of local lodges throughout the state and representatives desiring additional certificates can secure same by writing P. D. Davis, grand secretary, P. O. Box 509, Birmingham.

Special coaches will be attached to trains out of Mobile, Selma and Tuscaloosa on the morning of July 19, arriving in Montgomery in time to get the special train for Tuskegee, which is scheduled to leave Montgomery about 4:30 p. m. Persons living north, east and west of Birmingham are expected to get trains on the morning of July 19 in time to arrive in the Magic City before the special leaves at 1:30 p. m. Returning, the special train will leave Tuskegee Friday morning, July 23, at 9 o'clock. The grand lodge of the Order of Eastern Star will hold its session at Tuskegee also.

SCHOOL MAKES PLANS

Elaborate plans are being made for the entertainment of the members and visitors of the two grand lodges by the officials of Tuskegee school and local lodge officials, according to reports reaching Birmingham. The largest delegation in the history of the order will be in attendance at Tuskegee, according to announcements from the lodges throughout Alabama. Hundreds of people who have never visited Tuskegee are planning to make the journey and get their first view of the famous institution. Among the points of interest in addition to the school will include trips to Tuskegee model farm and the United States veterans hospital.

The reports of the grand officers, especially the endowment secretary and the grand secretary will show the largest collection and the largest amounts distributed to beneficiaries of deceased Masons and charity ever recorded by the order, according to advance information from Grand Master W. T. Woods

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COLORED MASONIC LODGES BUILDING MEMORIAL TEMPLE

$500,000 Structure in Upper Manhattan to Be in Honor of Founder, Prince Hall

OBTAINED CHARTER FROM GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

Cornerstone to Be Laid With Appropriate Ceremonies Before Many Guests on May 30

By Lester A. Walton

Public-spirited Negroes in different parts of the country have joined with the forty-five Negro Masonic lodges in the State in the movement to build a fitting monument in honor of Prince Hall of Boston, who, in 1784, secured a charter from the Grand Lodge of England to form African Lodge 489, the first Negro Masonic body in America. The monument will take the form of a temple to be erected at 147-149 West 144th Street, at a cost of $500,000.

Prince Hall and fourteen other free Negroes were initiated in a military lodge attached to one of the regiments under Gen. Gage, at Boston, March 6, 1775. They fought in the Revolutionary War. A warrant was later obtained to set up African Lodge No. 489. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge grew out of the African Grand Lodge, organized in 1791, Prince Hall Grand Master.

The Prince Hall Masonic Temple is being built by the Prince Hall Temple and Home Association, Inc., under the supervision of the State Grand Lodge, Joseph Sullivan of Troy, Grand Master. It will be a modern seven-story elevator structure.

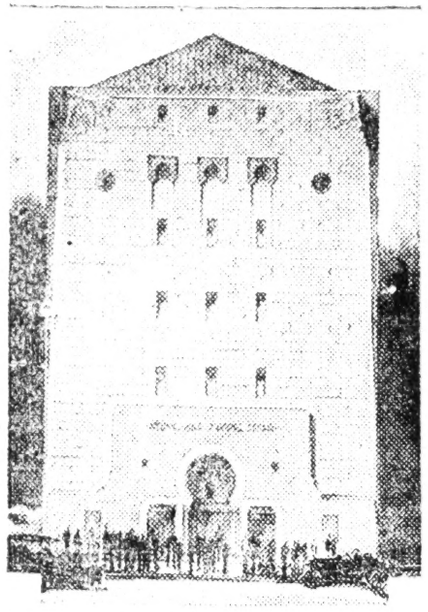
Scottish Rite Too

There will be lodge rooms, a Scottish Rite cathedral with organ, an auditorium to accommodate 1,500, ballrooms, large reception room, a storeroom for the paraphernalia of each organization, recreation rooms, offices of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary and the directors' meeting room.

The Prince Hall Masonic Temple is being erected by the contracting firm of Bernard Knopp and H. J. DePasso. The latter is a Negro. Extensive arrangements are being made for the cornerstone laying, Sunday, May 30.

The Board of Directors of the Prince Hall Temple and Home Association consists of Oscar R. Cassell, President; H. J. DePasso, Vice President; George W. Lockett, Treasurer; Winfred P. Carr, Secretary; Arthur S. Simmons, Andrew J. Wade, Jerome P. Ottley, Mrs. Alice Campbell and S. J. Davis.

NEGRO TRIBUTE



PRINCE HALL MASONIC TEMPLE

don, Boston; Wallace Thurman, New York and Edwin D. Johnson, Kittrell, N. C.

Judges—Benjamin Brawley, Van Wyck Brooks and Henry Goddard Leach.

Personal experience sketches—First prize, "Sand," by John Matheus, Institute, West Virgina; second prize, "A Dark Horse," by Anita Scott Coleman, Silver City, N. M.; third prize, "The Pink Hat," by Mrs. Aaron Day jr., Atlanta, Ga. Honorable mention—Frank Horne, Brooklyn; Gwendolyn Bennett, Paris; Lillian Lottier, Baltimore; G. A. Steward, Columbus, O.; Eugene F. Gordon, Boston and Florida Ridley, Boston.

Judges—De Vere Allen, Eugene Kinckle Jones and Lester A. Walton.

Newspaper Editorials

Newspaper editorials—Award divided between "A Dying Man's Lie Refuted," appearing in The New York Age, and "On the Road to Sing Sing," appearing in the Amsterdam News. Honorable mention — Editorials appearing in the Chicago Defender, Philadelphia Tribune, St. Louis Argus and Norfolk Journal and Guide.

Judges—R. C. E. Brown, John Hope, Emmett J. Scott and L. Hollingsworth Wood.

The Alexander Pushkin poetry prize was awarded "Golgatha is a Mountain," by Arna Bontemps, New York. Honorable mention—Gwendolyn Bennett, Paris; Claude McKay, Paris; Frank Horne, Brooklyn, and Clifford L. Miller, Roxbury, Mass.

Musical compositions—First prize, "African War Dance," by Edmund T. Jenkins, Paris; second prize divided between "Sonata in A Minor," by Edmund T. Jenkins, and "In the Land O' Cotton," by Florence B. Price, Little Rock; third prize, "Way Up in Heaven," by Hall Johnson, New York. Honorabl mention—William L. Dawson, Kansas City, Mo.; Jeanette Latimer Norman, Flushing, N. Y., and Eva B. Dykes, Washington.

Casper Holstein, a Harlem Negro, donated the awards in the literary sections.

BRILLIANCY OF SHRINERS' PARADE STARTLES BOSTON; ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

By Jas. A. Jackson,
Staff Correspondent

Boston, Mass., Aug. 27 (Special)—Chicago's drill team won the Shriners drill contest. New York City took second place. In the Knights Templars drill contest, Henderson Commandery of Washington took third place, while Chicago captured first and New York City second.

The next meeting of the Knights Templars will be held in Chicago, Ill., in 1929.

Mrs. M. A. Parker of Washington was elected Interstate President of the Order of Cyrenes. Joseph Minor also of Washington was elected Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment of Knights Templars.

All Shrine officers were re-elected.

The Grand Masters and Shriners visited the grave of Prince Hall, the originator of Negro masonry. Ceremonies were conducted over his grave.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 25 (Special)—The conventions of the Knights Templars, the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the International Conference of Royal Arch Masons, the conference of Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masonry, the convention of the Order of Eastern Star, the annual session of the Heroines of Jericho, the meeting of the Order of Cyrenes, and the biennial "Amen Corner" of the Deacons Club, attracting nearly ten thousand Negro Masons to the Hub City, have been a revelation to the community.

The local colored papers have been issuing special daily editions that are creditable and enterprising productions. Both the Guardian and the Chronicle have covered the different conventions in detail.

The Shriners parade through the business streets of the city was declared to be the most picturesque and spectacular that the town has witnessed.

Mecca Temple patrol of Washington commanded by Captain Ashton, a Washington policeman in private life, with its ornate uniform and spears, drew a lot of attention to the Shriners from the national capital. The marching club headed by Potentate Alston of the capital city was another interesting feature.

Other temples in the parade included Syria of Boston; Arabic of Chicago; Sahara of Pittsburgh; Sinai of Cincinnati; Azure of Atlantic City; Constantine of Providence; Pyramid of Philadelphia; Persian of Indianapolis; Hadji of Buffalo; Mecca of Toledo and Medina of New York City.

Altogether more than 3,000 shriners were in line, with perhaps a hundred cars bearing Daughters of Isis, not the least attractive of which was the delegation from Oasis Court No. 2 of Washington.

After the parade, twelve patrols engaged in a drill contest in the Arena, Boston's largest auditorium. A packed house witnessed the contest.

The prizes were respectively $1,000, $900 and $600.

All of the national officers of the Shriners were re-elected by acclamation. Caesar R. Blake, Jr., becomes head of the order for the seventh time.

Charles D. Freeman of Washington, has been re-elected for the twentieth time as Imperial Treasurer.

Grand Masters Elect President

Crittenden Clark, past grandmaster of Missouri, was elected president of the conference of grandmasters. Twenty-six grandmasters were present at the three sessions at which research matters and uniformity of rituals were considered, together with other matters of internal consequence to the Masonic fabric. Grandmaster Charles Ford served on several important committees in a way that reflected great credit upon the District of Columbia.

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NEGRO MASONS ELECT WOODS GRAND MASTER AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Ideals of Masonry Outlined in Address; Tribute Paid to Founder of Institute

TUSKEGEE, ALA., July 20.—Special to The Advertiser.—When the gavel fell and Walter Thomas Woods, grand master, of Birmingham, called the order the 49th annual communication of Alabama state grand lodge Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, the institute chapel was well filled with delegates, representing 94 local lodges with 35,000 membership located in every part of the state.

Woods Elected

Walter Thomas Woods, of Birmingham, was elected grand master for the fourteenth successive term. In accepting the honor Grand Master Woods delivered an appropriate address in which he set forth the mission of Masonry, and the ideals for which it stands.

After devotional exercises were conducted by G. W. Mitchell, grand chaplain, Charles H. Evans of Tuskegee, master of ceremonies, presented R. R. Taylor, vice-president of Tuskegee institute, who delivered a welcome address in behalf of the school, the great institution founded by the race leader and educator, Booker T. Washington.

Taylor declared that the welcome to all has already been made years ago by Dr. Washington and that he simply complied with the standing sentiment of that remarkable man whose expressed wishes will always be cherished and perpetuated by Dr. Moton and his successors.

Free Masonry and Tuskegee institute stand for the same principals of law observance, right living and leaders of broad vision and high motives, said Principal Taylor, closing his address.

The speaker called attention to the life of Booker T. Washington in his broad sympathies for his race and with all races. A telegram from President Moton was read. Dr. Belsaw moved that the grand lodge accept the telegram from Dr. Moton and that the grand lodge reply expressing sympathy with him in his physical ailment. Welcome in behalf of the local lodges was extended by William H. Carter, treasurer of the institute, for the citizens of Tuskegee by T. M. Campbell, special agent, U. S. department of agriculture, who in a very humorous vein expressed the hope that it will never again be necessary to extend what is always a true welcome to the Masons or to any other group of race workers. Responses were made by O. W. Adams, Birmingham, Dr. E. T. Belsaw, Mobile, Dr. W. J. Turner, Tennessee and Grand Master Woods.

The address of Grand Master Woods in part, is as follows:

"The mission of Masonry, is love, charity, sympathy and peace; it dictates to no man politically or religiously; it holds kindly feelings toward all mankind. All who recognize a supreme being or force, or power, or spirit, that controls the universe are at liberty to enter and enjoy its teachings and practices.

Mission of Masonry

"This humane institution has accomplished untold good, and will continue its noble work of benefiting mankind by teaching all the virtues by enlarging the intellectual horizon, by inspiring man with the principles of equality and fraternity according to capacity, and by so discipling the mind that it may triumph over passion, hate, vice, pity the vicious and hold charity for all mankind, with malice toward none. In the language of Cicero: "It initiates man into a new order of life, more worthy of a being destined for immortality!

"It is an institution that is free from prejudice, superstition and intolerance. Its golden shield of humanity and brotherly love covers its members, whether in success or adversity. It is an institution that teaches law the mighty and unceasing conflicts of truth with error, light with darkness, beauty with deformity, virtue with vice, and life with death, are to be won for the glory and good of mankind.

"It is an institution that feels the divine presence in the inspiration of the soul. That reads the story of the universe in the rocks of the earth and in the shining wheels of the firmament; an institution that uses reason for its lamp, education and truth for its guide, and which has humanity for men and reverence for God as its chief aim, may this grand institution live through all the generations to come and may it continue to increase its good work throughout the world.

"Let us at this time unite with our Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain in asking divine blessing from the grand Master above on our sessions and Masons wherever dispersed around the Globe.

Eleven months have passed since the last meeting of our grand lodge and with the eleven months, have passed, the lives of 303 who were active in the interests of our order, we spend our years as a tale that is told. Things pass away so do customs and laws and nations and men—only God remains the same yesterday, today and forever; with Him there is no change; neither shadow that is caused by His turning. In Him is our trust. He is our confidence and our defense, our truth is lasting only as it is based in Him; our work is enduring only as it is built in Tis spirit; our love is eternal only as it is like His; our life is eternal only as it is lived in Him. He has made us into Himself, and our hearts are at rest only as they are in peace with Him.

Addresses Farmers.

"My Dear Brethren, you who feed and clothe the world and fill the packing houses. We hail you as the real masters of industry. We are all proud of you. You have every reason to feel proud of yourselves. Every man is looking to you for the increase or decrease of the food product. Wall Street and all other stock exchanges; even the city of Birmingham, the great metropolis of the South, where your Masonic temple is the greatest building owned by Masons or colored people anywhere in the world, would cease to be if it were not for you.

"You hold the destiny of the world in your hands. Yet, I say to you as I say to every other trade and profession here represented today, to be careful, diligent and economical; save all the money you can, purchase homes, have clean and up to date homes and stop renting and buy homes. Work diligently and live honorably and be known as one of the most sober, peaceful and quiet citizens in your community.

"As a Master Mason, this is expected of you and when you fail, you know well the results to the craft in general. The right kind of Masonic life not only saves the name of the order, but far above all, it saves our own names in the community and state in which we reside," he said.

COLORED MASONS OF ALABAMA CLOSE MEETING; LARGEST INCOME IN HISTORY $336,649.91

(Special to The Reporter)

Tuskegee Inst., Ala., July 23.—After accounting for $336,649.91 handled by the Grand Lodge during eleven months ending July 2, including $53,839.60 received by the Grand Chapter Eastern Star, composed of wives, mothers, daughters and sisters of Masons, the 49th annual meeting of the Alabama State Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Colored, Walter Thomas Woods, Grand Master, closed its three days session yesterday.

Reports were received from 940 local lodges in the State with an aggregate membership of thirty-five thousand and four hundred twenty-three local chapters of the Eastern Star with thirteen thousand three hundred members. Fifteen hundred delegates attended the meeting of both organizations together with many others who wanted to see the great school founded by Booker T. Washington and the five million dollar Veterans' Hospital founded and governer by "Uncle Sam" for wounded and disabled Negro soldiers.

The features of the closing exercises were an enjoyable program furnished by a fraternal delegation which brought fraternal greetings from the Order of Eastern Star and gave an account of their work during eleven months; inspiring addresses by Mayor Johnston, of the town of Tuskegee and Lawyer C. W. Hare, one of the local trustees of Tuskegee Institute, and the placing of a beautiful wreath on the monument of Booker T. Washington, an eloquent address having been delivered by A. C. Caffey, of Montgomery, an intimate friend of Dr. Washington and formerly Captain of the Capital City Guards commissioned by Governor Thomas G. Jones.

Accepting the invitation tendered by Colonel Ward, more than a thousand delegates visited the Veterans' Hospital and were cordially received by the Colonel and his staff.

Among those who delivered closing addresses were R. R. Taylor, Acting-principal of Tuskegee Institute, who introduced Dr. L. W. Johnston, mayor, and Mr. C. W. Hare, of Tuskegee; Dr. W. J. Turner, of Missouri, who responded to the address by Mayor Johnston and Mr. Hare; Dr. E. T. Belsaw, of Mobile, who introduced the delegation from the Order of Eastern Star headed by Mrs. M. G. Gibbs; P. D. Davis, Birmingham, Grand Secretary; A. A. Peters, Endowment Secretary; R. B. Hudson, Endowment Treasurer, who introduced Prof. E. Z. Roberts, Director of the Academic Department of Tuskegee Institute, who spoke of the widening work of the school; State District Grand Master, L. L. Powell, National Order of Mosaics, with 809 lodges in Alabama, with 43,000 members, and holding property in the state valued, it is said, at $200,000; Rev. M. J. Burton, of the Order of Immaculates; Prof. T. H. Randall, of Montgomery, who reported on the Grand Master's address; Oscar W. Adams, Editor Birmingham Reporter; Wm. H. Carter, Accountant of the order, and others.

A fervent prayer was offered by Dr. Mitchell, Grand Chaplain.

Recording Secretary W. R. Lee, of Montgomery, read the journal of the last day's work, showing, among other things, three receipts by treasurer:

R. B. Hudson	$262,990.55
J. O. Diffay	19,819.76
Eastern Star	53,839.60
Grand Total	$336,649.91

Special trains from Birmingham and Mobile with large delegations left Friday morning.

(Other matter on page three giving first and second day's sesion of the Grand Lodge.)

ALABAMA MASONS IN 49TH ANNUAL SESSION SHOW PROGRESS, W. T. WOODS REELECTED G. M.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., July 20.—Special to The Reporter—The Tuskegee Institute Chapel was well filled today with delegates representing 947 local lodges and a membership of some 35000 from all parts of the State, when Grand Master W. T. Woods sounded the gavel and called to order the 49th annual session of the Alabama Grand Lodge Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

Grand Master Woods who has served as head of the order so acceptably for thirteen years was re-elected for the fourteenth successive term, and in accepting the honor made an appropriate address in which he set forth the mission of Masonry and the ideals for which it stands.

Dr. G. W. Mitchell, of Mobile, Grand Chaplain, conducted the devotional exercises, and Mr. Charles H. Evans, of Tuskegee, acting master of ceremonies introduced Mr. R. R. Taylor, Vice Principal of Tuskegee Institute, delivered the welcome to the Grand Lodge in behalf of the School, and said that the welcome to all has already been made years ago by Dr. Washington and that he simply complied with the standing sentiment of that remarkable man whose expressed wishes will always be cherished and perpetuated by Dr. Moton and his successors.

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P. D. Davis, secretary of the Grand Lodge, reported among other things 644 lodges in good standing, with a membership of 22,570, in the state. His report showed $16,021.09 turned over to the Grand Treasurer, J. O. Diffay.

Medical Register Dr. L. L. Burwell of Selma, in his report for 11 months, showed an increase of 4,777 members received during the year, against 5,315 for 12 months the previous year.

Perhaps the most interesting, comprehensive and inspiring report was read by William H. Carter, accountant for the order and treasurer of Tuskegee Institute.

A summary of the report read as follows: The report of the endowment department showed the revenue for the year $230,640.40. During the year 294 death claims have been filed, totaling $92,000.00. The report shows that all obligations of the Grand Lodge have been paid. Speaking of the condition of the Grand Lodge, it was shown that the present assets amount to $745,360.19. Seven hundred and twenty thousand of this is a seven-story, fire-proof brick Masonic Temple on Four Avenue and Seventeenth Street in Birmingham. In speaking of the growth of the order, figures were given showing that during the past seven years there have been paid into the endowment department $1,250,00.00—$647,000.00 of this amount has been applied toward the erection of the temple.

Greetings from several state jurisdictions were read by Dr. W. J. Turner, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

Election of Officers

The reports from the various committees, showing the financial standing of the order, accounting for property value at one million dollars, gave a very high tone to the Grand Lodge, during which Dr. E. J. Jones of Talladega, moved that all of the Grand Lodge officers be unanimously re-elected. The motion was carried without a dissenting vote. It was remarked by one of the members of the lodge that it used to take several hours to elect officers, sometimes all night, but come and may it continue to increase its good work throughout the world.

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"You hold the destiny of the world in your hands. Yet, I say to you as I say to every other trade and profession here represented today, to be careful, diligent and economical; save all the money you can, purchase homes, have clean and up to date homes and stop renting and buy homes. Work diligently and live honorably and be known as one of the most sober, peaceful and quiet citizens in your community.

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Second Day's Session

The second day of the Grand Lodge opened with the usual devotional exercises conducted by the Grand Chaplain, Dr. G. W. Mitchell, and following the reading of the journal, the body plunged into the work of reporting from the various department. All reports were verified by the auditors. Grand Treasurer J. O. Diffay made his report as follows:

Grand total received from all sources during 11 months	$ 19,819.76
Cash balance on hand July 2, 1926	4,915.04

This report was signed by C. H. Evans, George W. Baugh and J. J. Knox, auditors.

A summary of the report of R. B. Hudson, endowment treasurer, showed:

Total amount forwarded from last year	$ 14,619.71
Received during this year	248,370.84
Total yearly receipts	$262,990.55
Paid out during year	$232,225.34
Balance on hand July 1, 1926, with some outstanding checks	$ 30,765.21

Endowment Secretary A. A. Peters

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Texas Mason Exposes Michigan Fraternalist

Ft. Worth, Texas, Oct. 11, 1926.—From the beginning of time that people have lived on this old earth there have been gullible people. Some people are gullible because of ignorance, some because of envy, and prejudice, and some practice gulling because it pays them to gull others. Old man John A. Bell of Michigan, who is in his dotage, parades himself up and down these United States, alleging that he got his Masonic authority from Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of Haiti. He further alleges that this Masonic authority was sent into Haiti, Cuba and San Domingo by white Masons of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

These assertions are laughable and are acceptable only to the gullible or ignorant. In the first place Massachusetts white Masons did not establish Freemasonry in Haiti. Perhaps England and France did. In the second place no regular constituted authority of Free Masons in Haiti ever granted John Jones, who is now dead physically, and the first man to make this fraudulent claim, and old man John A. Bell, who is now dead Masonically; he having been expelled from the regular lodge of Free Masons which entered, passed and raised him to tne sublime degree of a Master Mason long before he announced his so-called or pretended visit to Haiti, and is now echoing and broadcasting the old Jones' fraud. Old man John A. Bell is not deluded. It is his duty to delude others. He knows how easy most people are gulled. It pays an old man 71 years old, without visible means of support, to gull ignorant people who are unable to tell what all his ballahooing and broadcasting is about.

Pennsylvania Freemasonry.

On June 20th, 1784, the white grand lodge of England granted a warrant to a lodge in Pennsylvania authorizing it to practice and work in the degrees of Freemasonry. According to Masonic custom and rules, all the lodges of Pennsylvania therefore were subject to the grand lodge of England. Pennsylvania Freemasons never organized a lodge in Cuba, Haiti or San Domingo while it was regular and holding obedience to the grand lodge of England, but after it broke off from England and organized, September 26th, 1786, the Independent and Sovereign Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it did, we think, organize lodges in Cuba, Haiti and San Domingo in the latter part of the 17th century or the early part of the 18th century. These lodges were composed of white men and up to this day never affiliated with Negro Masons.

Bell Not Mason at Heart.

Old man John A. Bell, if a Mason at all, certainly was a Mason before he made his pretended trip to Haiti, Cuba and San Domingo. He never was a Mason at heart, but he certainly had the grips and signs given to him by a lodge and what lodge in America gave them to him? What lodge in America entered, passed and raised him to the sublime degree of a Master Mason?

We answer it was a lodge in Michigan duly and regularly organized by Union Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan, from which he was expelled for un-Masonic conduct before he made a visit to Haiti, Cuba and San Domingo and pamed himself off as the grand master of Michigan.

England on June 24, 1784, granted to African Lodge No. 459 a warrant authorizing Prince Hall to open and set to work Freemason lodges composed of Africans or Negroes anywhere on North American soil. This was two years before the white Independent and Sovereign Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was organized and many years before a single lodge of Freemasons was organized either in Cuba, Haiti or San Domingo by the Pennsylvania grand lodge. Therefore all grand lodges growing out of authority of Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons are older than any grand lodge now working in Haiti, Cuba or San Domingo.

Bell Now In His Dotage.

Old man John A. Bell, who is now in his dotage, was expelled from the regular Prince Hall Masonic jurisdiction of Michigan three or four years before the date of his pretended trip to Cuba, Haiti and San Domingo. How could an expelled Mason be restored by Cuba, or Haiti or San Domingo? Any man with sense enough to get into a house out of a shower of rain, should know that the regular white grand lodge of Freemasons in Cuba, Haiti or San Domingo would not take an old Negro expelled, degree peddler, without recommendations and unable to speak the languages of either country and confer with him authority to organize Freemason lodges in the United States. If any grand lodge in Haiti, Cuba or San Domingo should violate the landmarks, rules, customs and laws of Freemasonry by attempting to commit such an un-Masonic act or crime, they would have subjected all of old man Bell's acts to their approval, and every lodge organized in the United States by old man Bell, the bluffer, would have to get its warrant or charter from Cuba, Haiti and San Domingo and not from old man Bell. What right has Cuba, Haiti or San Domingo to organize lodges in the United States; or authorize any expelled Mason, white or black, to set up lodges of Freemasons in the United State? None in the world whatever. Old man John A. Bell and such men as the Rev. P. C. Hunt, D. W. Shields, T. S. Verette and W. F. Thomas should blush with shame in their attempt to gull the people in the way they are doing. It pays to gull people! Old man John A. Bell, who is now in his dotage, and his band of Masonic pirates are on the job of gulling!

Colossal Deceiver and Fake.

Here is a sample of his colossal deception, cheek, ignorance and effrontery. On his letter-heads and so-called official papers he claims to be grand master of the Sovereign Grand Lodge A. F. and A. Masons (colored) of the U. S. A. The only regular colored Masons in the U. S. A. instituted A. D. 1901 and 1902, warrant issued by grand lodges of Cuba, St. Domingo and Africa patent of power from the Orient of Haiti, March 21, 1920, and 3 warrants from the Grand Orient of Haiti by authority from grand lodge (white) of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. Office of Ill. John A. Bell, 33 degree Sovereign Grand Master, 541 James Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan. Great shades of Solomon and all the rest! What a lie!

He claims that the only regular grand lodge in the United States is located in Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Texas. He should say, these are the only irregular lodges in the United States, and he would be somewhere near the truth! All of the grand lodges F. and A. M. were organized 100 years before this old fake went to Cuba, Haiti or San Domingo. This old degree peddler was in Houston, Texas, a few weeks ago and sent our worthy Brother Jake Shields the following letter:

Letters Self-Explanatory.

2742 Odin Ave., Houston, Texas,
September 25, 1926.

Mr. Jake Shields,
Dear Sir and Esteemed Brother:

I just saw an article in the Masonic Quarterly published by one Bill McDonald, your grand secretary, I met your William M. McDonald at Fort Worth in 1909 and beat him in court and if I see any announcements in his paper he will have to answer for the same and I have everything that this circular says I have and I have them with me now and I will go to Austin and then to Dallas and then to Fort Worth, and I will see him personally and give him a chance. I am not dead but very much alive, hoping to hear from you at any time if you care to write me at Grand Rapids, Mich.

I am yours fraternally,
ILL. JOHN A. BELL, 33° Sov. Grand Master.

The Masonic Quarterly carried an article a year or so ago in which the type stated John A. Bell was dead. This was a type error and the paragraph was written to read as follows:

"John Jones the first man and a comrade of John A. Bell, to peddle Masonic degrees on pretense of authority from Haiti, Cuba, San Domingo and Africa, is dead physically and John A. Bell is dead Masonically, he having long since been expelled."

I stand pat on this statement, and double dog dare old man Bell to deny it. It is as true as the Holy Writ! Old man John A. Bell claims to have been given power and authority from Grand Orient of Haiti, but the following letter which he is foolish enough to publish from Haiti as his authority denies him and his friend the authority to organize Freemason lodges on American soil, as the letter will show:

GRAND ORIENT OF HAITI
Liberty Equality Fraternity

Port-au-Prince, January 25, 1924.

The Grand Master and Grand Commander of the Masonic Order,
To the C:. Ill:. et P:. F:.

John A. Bell, 33°, Sov. Grand Master and Sov. Grand Commander of the Sov. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In this Orient, Sov. Grand Master, and Grand Commander:

I have the honor of calling to your attention, and begging you to inform the lodges in the United States in your office of grand representative of the Grand Orient of Haiti that Napoleon Francis has no authority, nor power given by the Grand Orient of Haiti, to establish or organize any lodge on American territory or elsewhere. Be kind enough to accept the assurance of my very high and fraternal esteem, Sov. Grand Master and Grand Commander.

RIGAL.

I stated in an article some time ago that old man John A. Bell was an expelled Mason from North Star Lodge No. 5, F. and A. M., of Michigan. Here is the proof and we wonder what old man Bell and his Masonic free booters and degree peddlers think about it:

Lansing, Mich., Oct. 5, 1926.

Mr. Wm. McDonald, Grand Secretary,
Box No. 1014, Fort Worth, Texas.
Dear Sir and Brother:

In my connection with the Division of Negro Welfare and Statistics of this department, I have an opportunity to scan the leading Negro papers throughout the country, among them being The Houston Informer edited by Mr. C. F. Richardson.

In the issue of October 2nd, appears a long article anent an appearance of Illustrious John A. Bell of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in a Masonic meeting. I have reason to know that you are acquainted with Bell's status as a Mason and his claims here in Michigan, as the decree handed down by Judge Sample of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was mailed to you in sepaarte form some time ago, and again appeared in our annual proceedings. The question in my mind, however, is whether or not Richardson is as well acquainted with these facts, or whether he represents that group of so-called Masons. Both you and Mr. Richardson being prominent in civic and political affairs in Texas, I am assuming that you are well acquainted with him and will know just his position in the case. If he is being misled, I know you will right him, and if he has given the prominence to this imposter wittingly, I would appreciate knowing that also.

With highest fraternal regards to the Craft in the Lone Star State, and to yourself, I am

Fraternally yours,
H. A. LETT, Grand Secretary,
W. M. Union Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.

Detroit Michigan, Oct. 9, 1926.

Hon. Wm. M. McDonald,
Box No. 1014,
Fort Worth, Texas.

My Dear McDonald:

In reply to yours of the 4th inst. inquiring about John A. Bell of Grand Rapids, Michigan, will say that he was a member of the North Star Lodge No. 5 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and was suspended from Masonry for un-Masonic conduct by Union Grand Lodge in 1893. I am herewith inclosing you a copy of the degree obtained against him in the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw presided over by the Hon. George W. Sample and this will throw considerable light on the matter that you are concerned about.

With kindest personal regards, I am
Fraternally yours,
ROBERT C. BARNES.

State of Michigan— In the Circuit Court for Washtenaw County—in Chancery.
John A. Bell, the Most Worshipful John A. Bell, Sovereign Grand Lodge, et al.,
vs. Plaintiffs,
The Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge, et al., Defendants.
No. 189.

At a session of the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw held in the City of Ann Arbor on Tuesday, the 8th day of August, A. D. 1922.

Present, the Hon. George W. Sample, Circuit Judge.

The above entitled cause coming on to be heard upon the bill of complaint filed in the same, and the said plaintiff by his counsel having offered no proof in support of his bill, and the case proceeding on the defendants' cross-bill; and the court having heard the testimony and the arguments of counsel and being fully advised in the premises, does find the following state of facts:

That the said plaintiff, John A. Bell, having been lawfully expelled from a regular constituted lodge of colored Masons for the State of Michigan and the said John A. Bell never having been restored to Masonry by the authority which expelled him, that he is not, and can never be, a regular Mason in any organization whatsoever until he has been so restored.

And the court further finds that any organization that he appears to be the head of is fraudulent and fraudulently organized.

Now, therefore, the court doth order, adjudge and decree that the said plaintiffs, John A. Beli, the Most Worshipful John A. Bell Sovereign Grand Lodge and any and all persons acting under him or his organizations or by their authority be, and the same are, each permanently restrained from holding themselves out as Masons or from wearing the badge, buttons, emblems, decorations or insigns of a Mason; that each of them is further permanently enjoined from adopting or using the name of Masons, in association with any other name or any derivative thereof and from claiming to be a member of any benevolent or charitable organization or corporation that uses the name of Masons that may deceive persons not members of the Masonic Order.

GEORGE W. SAMPLE,
Circuit Judge for the County of Washenaw.

Barnes & Stowers, attorneys for the Defendants and Cross-Plaintiffs, business address, 911 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

Boundless Contempt and Scorn.

With this information before him, how can an honest man defend this old fraud and his gang of deluded followers? If I had words of pure hate from which I could construct sentences that would hiss and bite like a rattlesnake or that could represent the yelp and whines of a mad wounded lioness, I could then in a feeble way express my boundless contempt and scorn for men on the order of old man John A. Bell and those who deliberately plan, scheme, and hatch up fake plots to rob and deceive honest, trusting, ignorant men and women out of their hard earned money.

I leave off as I began by saying that some people are gullible because of ignorance, some because of envy and prejudice, and some pretend to be gulled because it pays.

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Masons

RACE LAWYERS FIGHT MASONIC CASE IN THE TEXAS SUPREME COURT

Appeal Case Against Injunction Barring Colored Society From Use of Ritual, Password and Emblem

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 4—The controversy between the Negro and white Masonic Fraternal Orders in the state of Texas will go to the highest court of the state Friday. The case will attract wide attention not only because of its national importance, but due to the fact that two Race attorneys will plead for the colored order.

The case which goes to the Supreme Court of the State of Texas Friday, will be an appeal from Harris County in the case of Burrell vs. Micheaux. It follows the obtaining of an injunction against the Houston Negro Shriners using the emblems, password and ritual of the Shrine organization, by the white organization.

The National Body of the Negro Shrine organization intervened after the granting of the injunction. The colored Shriners in the case are called the Ancient Egyptian Order of the Nobles of Mystic Shrine, and the white Shriners the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine.

SHRINE ATTORNEYS PLEAD BEFORE TEXAS HIGH COURT

Austin, Tex., Feb. 12.—For the first time since the Civil war attorneys of our Race were allowed to plead a case before the supreme court of Texas. This occurred last week when Attorneys S. A. T. Watkins and James E. White of Chicago and Wilford H. Smith of Houston appeared before a commission composed of Supreme Court Judges Ben H. Powell, Ocie Speer and H. B. Short to plead for the dissolution of an injunction granted white Shriners of the state of Texas which prohibits Shriners of our Race from using the regalia and paraphernalia of the Shrine order. The case originated through action brought against the Houston order.

In pleading against the injunction, Attorney White told the judges that the Shrine order, which he represented, is of African origin, founded by the son of Mohammed in 556 A. D. The names of the white order and his are not even similar, and that there is no way to confuse the two, Attorney White averred. The Shrine organization was incorporated in Washington, D. C., in 1904.

No comment was occasioned in legal circles by the appearance of these men before the state's highest tribunal. Heretofore all attempts to get before this body of jurists have resulted in protests from white lawyers and their protests have borne fruit.

The court commission has taken the case under consideration and will render their decision in the near future.

The case has come to Supreme Court in litigation which started at Houston when D. W. Micheaux and others applied for and obtained an injunction restraining Burrell and other Negroes from using the Shrine, name and paraphernalia. The Galveston Court of Civil Appeals affirmed this, and the Supreme Court will have the final say so far as Texas is concerned, with the only further appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

The Negro National Shrine organization intervened to assist the Houston Negroes, and the two lawyers are here from Chicago to seek a hearing before the Texas Supreme Court in arguing the case. The National White Shrine organization has also intervened, so that the litigation has become of national scope.

Negro Lawyers Plead

Attys. S. A. T. Watkins and James E. White, of Chicago, representatives of the national organization of Colored Shriners and Wilford H. Smith, of Houston, Texas, representative of the local organization, argued the Shriners' case before the Supreme Court of Texas.

This was the first appearance of Negro attorneys before the Supreme Court since reconstruction days. The case involves a question of the right of Negro Shriners to use their name, wear their emblems and the right of the organization to exist. This case was tried in the District Court of Houston, an injunction was issued against the Negro Shriners, it was appealed to the Court of Civil Appeals at Galveston. Both affirmed the decision of the lower court.

The Negro order brought their case to the Supreme Court of Texas on a writ of error and this was the final hearing of the case in the State of Texas. The decision should be handed down within a month. Whichever way it is decided, it will go to the Supreme Court.

Shriner Fight on in Houston Courts

Houston, Tex., Feb. 10.—A fight to the bitter end in their legal battle for the right to retain the privileges of the insignia and name of their order is the announced determination of the colored Shriners of Texas.

The white Shriners of this state have applied for an injunction to restrain the colored orders from using the ritual, name and insignia of the Mystic Shrine order.

Shrine Test Case Before Texas Court

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 8.—Two Chicago lawyers appeared Friday before the Texas Supreme Court to argue a test case whether Negroes anywhere in the United States may use the name, insignia, constitution and by-laws of the Shrine.

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NEW YORK CITY TIMES
FEBRUARY 5, 1926

MASONIC SUIT UP IN TEXAS

Supreme Court to Hear Negro Lawyers for the First Time.

Special to The New York Times.

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 4.—For the first time in the history of the Supreme Court of Texas negro attorneys, two of them, both of Chicago, will appear before it tomorrow to argue a case.

The case is of nation-wide interest to the Masonic fraternity, as it involves the right of negroes to use the name, emblem, password and ritual of the Shrine organization. It is that of Burrell vs. Micheaux, and comes to the Supreme Court on appeal from Harris County.

An injunction against the Houston organization of negro Shriners was obtained by the white organization. The negro order is called the Ancient Egyptian Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the white order is the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine.

Following the granting of the injunction at Houston the national negro Shrine officers intervened and this brought about intervention in the suit by the officers of the white Shrine order.

It is expected that the case will be taken to the United States Supreme Court for final decision.

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FEBRUARY 6, 1926

SHRINE OF NEGROES DEFENDED IN TEXAS

Lawyers of Race Appear for First Time Before Supreme Court of State

WHITE SHRINERS OPPOSE

Two Judges, Masons, May Disqualify Selves

Special Despatch to The World

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 5.—"The sons of slaves and the sons of the South have lived together in peace and harmony, separate races, with separate institutions. May it please God that they do so to the end of the chapter."

That was the statement of a Negro lawyer to the State Supreme Court in the unprecedented appearance of Negroes there to-day, when three lawyers, representing Texas and National Negro organizations, presented an appeal of Burrell vs. Michaux, originating at Houston. Both white and Negro national Shrine organizations have intervened in this case, the Negroes seeking to dissolve an injunction against use of the name, insignia or ritual of the white order.

The arguments were submitted before Section B of the Supreme Court Commission. Judge Ben H. Powell, presiding, called attention to the fact that he and Judge Ocie Speer are Masons, that he himself is a Shriner and that it may be necessary for them to disqualify themselves and have the case resubmitted.

S. A. T. Watkins and James E. White of Chicago represented the national Negro organization, and Dilford H. Smith of Houston, the organization there.

Mr. White asserted that the Shrine was of Arabic or African origin, having been founded by the son-in-law of Mohammed in 556 A. D. He declared the Negroes made no claim to membership in the same organization as the whites and that the names were dissimilar. The Negro Shrine was chartered in Washington in 1904, he said.

The Negro lawyers in addressing the Court carefully avoided the use of "Mr." in referring to each other by saying "Brother Smith" and "Brother White."

Claude Pollard and George C. Gaines, of Houston, represented the White Shrine which seeks to perpetuate the injunction against the Negroes.

CAPITOL MASONS BUY TEMPLE BACK-$99,000

Unfinished Building Sold At Public Auction By Court Order

WORK TO DATE COST $134,944

Estimate Offered Indicate $200,000 Will Be Needed To Complete It

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The unfinished Masonic structure at Tenth and U streets, northwest, was sold at public auction Monday afternoon to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the District of Columbia for $99,000.

Bid was made by Drs. S. S. Thompson and W. H. Jackson acting for the Masonic Grand Lodge. It was $1,000 more than the sum offered by Harry Wardman of the Wardman Construction Company, who is said to have been bidding for the National Geographic Society, which contemplated completing the building and exchanging that property for the property owned by the Odd Fellows on N street between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, northwest.

A deposit of $2,500 cash was made at the time of the sale. The Masonic Grand Lodge has thirty days in which to raise and pay the sum of $30,500 representing one-third of the purchase price. The balance of the purchase price is to be represented by two promissory notes secured by a first deed of trust, payable in one and two years, with interest at six per cent a year from the date of sale.

The property was sold at public auction under an order of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia signed by Justice William Hitz, March 2, last. Attorneys Alexander Wolf and William L. Houston opposing counsel in the litigation involving this property, were appointed trustees to make the sale. Herbert L. Davis, court auditor, who was appointed special master to hear and determine all questions involved, was directed by the court order to state the account of the trustees and make disbursements of the proceeds of the sale to persons entitled after the sale is confirmed by the court.

There are two liens against the property which are to be paid out of the proceeds of the sale. One is held by the Onandaga Litholite Company for $9,500 for stone masonry and the other by Charles H. Green for $10,000 for brick masonry. Other debts include three judgments, one by the Second National Bank for $275 and two by Prince Hall Chapter No. 5, Order of Eastern Star for a total of $1,500. Taxes for 1924, $157.56, and for 1925, $164.04, are unpaid and are to be adjusted as of the date of settlement.

The sum of $134,944 has been expended on the construction of the unfinished building. This property was purchased at public auction in April, 1919, at a cost of $39,650. It has since enhanced in value. Estimates of cost for the completion of the structure run from $175,000 to $350,000. It is designed to be a five story building.

Ground for the construction of this building was broken in 1922. On August 8, 1922, the cornerstone was laid. No work has been done on the structure since December 1923.

ORDER SIGNED TO SELL MASONIC TEMPLE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Sale of the unfinished Masonic Temple structure at Tenth and U streets, northwest, was authorized by an order signed last Tuesday by Justice William Hitz in the equity division of the District Supreme Court.

The court appointed Alexander Wolf and William L. Houston opposing counsel in the litigation which has been going on for nearly a year, trustees to make the sale.

The order referred the issues between the contending Masonic factions to Herbert L. Davis, court auditor, for hearing and determination, after which he is to report to the court. After the sale and confirmation by the court, Mr. Davis is authorized to make disbursements of the proceeds to the parties entitled according to their priorities.

Through Attorneys Gayton and Wolf, Charles Datcher Lodge No. 15 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the District of Columbia, Allan A. C Griffith and Dr. Elias G. Evans asked the court recently to appoint receivers and trustees to sell the property at Tenth and U streets, northwest, and also at Fifth and Virginia avenue, southeast..

Through Attorneys Houston and Houston, Jesse H. Mitchell, Frank O. Kinney, Phillip W. Thomas, Archibald Runner, William H. Cowan, Paul R. Stewart, John S. George, Benjamin P. Arington, George L. Sydnor, Ernest M. Dickerson and Marie L. Johnson, constituting a majority of the trustees of the New Masonic Hall Corporation, denied that it was impossible to obtain a loan to complete the structure.

They claimed that the New Masonic Hall Corporation contracted for two loans aggregating $200,000, to be secured by two deeds of trust. One loan of $125,000 was to be placed by Glover and Flather, brokers of 737 Fifteenth street, northwest, and the other was to be procured by the Weller Construction Company. Litigation, however, prevented the consummation of these loans.

As late as February 20, 1926, an offer to finance the completion of the structure was received from W. H. C. Brown, an investment banker of Newport News, Va. His proposal carried with it not only the financing of the building, but the procuring of a satisfactory contractor to do the work.

Break Ground for Masonic Temple

Building to Be Erected at Cost of $440,000 on Seventh Avenue

Ground was broken Sunday afternoon at Seventh avenue and 144th street for the new Masonic Temple, to be erected by the Prince Hall Lodge of Masons at an estimated cost of $440,000. The groundbreaking was preceded by a parade of members of the lodge from Eighth avenue and 125th street, the march being headed by the band of Monarch Lodge of Elks.

A large crowd watched the ceremony and listened to speeches and music. Before lifting the first spadeful of earth, the Rev. Charles D. Martin, pastor of the Fourth Moravian Church, produced a small bottle containing water he brought last year from the River Jordan. The clergyman poured this water on the blade of the spade.

Speakers included Joseph Sullivan, Grand Master of Prince Hall Lodge; Edward T. Sherwood, Jr., Deputy Grand Master; Arthur A. Schonburg, Grand Secretary, and Louis A. Jeppe. Arthur W. Handy was master of ceremonies.

The building is to be a seven-story fireproof structure. Excavating will get under way today and the cornerstone will be laid May 30.

HAITIAN MASONIC HEADS TO VISIT NATIONAL CAPITAL

The members of Saint Joseph Lodge No. 6 and Buville Chapter No. 3 of the Order of the Eastern Star of the jurisdiction of the Rising Sun of the Daughter of Obligation Universal A. F. & A. M. have the honor of notifying the public that about the 20th of March we shall receive the visit of two Grand Masters from the Grand Orient of the Republic of Haiti for the first time will visit different cities of the Union. They will be accompanied by the Supreme and Sovereign Grand Master, Napoleon J. Cineels, 33°, of the said above body.

Grand Master J. Emanuel Domingue, Ex-Grand Master Normil Charles Painter and Scultor Academy officer. Silver Medal Port au Prince, Haiti, 1903; former Master of Scultor Academy Julian Paris, first prizes and medals of the Academy Julian 1905-1907-1908 gold medal at the universal and International exhibition of Bruxelles 1910 exhibition approved at the hall of French artists in the Grand Palace of the champs Elysees, Paris, 1907-1909. 1911-1912 gold medal of the City of Saint Marc, Haiti, 1917.

Grand Master Normil Charles is the only Negro today in the world belonging to the Academy of International Artists.

TRUSTEES TO SELL UNDER ORDERS FROM JUSTICE HITZ

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The sale of the property was authorized for the protection of all the parties to the litigation, the stockholders, subscribers to the capital stock, creditors and those who have filed liens against the real estate of the New Masonic Hall Corporation.

TWO NATIONAL MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS

The International Conference of Knights Templars and the Imperial Council A. E. A. O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will meet in Boston, Mass., August 22nd, 1926. There will be about 30,000 visitors. The Housing Committee solicits the names and addresses of all persons who desire to furnish sleeping accommodations for the delegates at $1.50 each per night. Applications may be made to the chairman of the Housing Committee, Mr. Matthew Walton, Masonic Temple, 1095 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass. Applications will be considered in the order filed.

E. D. Cooke,
Chairman of General Committee

Secret Societies-1926

Modern Crusaders of the World.

License Given New Society

Named the Modern Crusaders Of the World

Cleveland Ohio, Sept. 16.—License has just been granted by the Superintendent of the Insurance Department of the State of Ohio to the Modern Crusaders of the World, a new and unique fraternal insurance society according to an announcement made by George P. Craig, Supreme Counsellor, and Herbert Channcey, Supreme Scribe, prime movers and guiding spirits behind this organization. Its program its was stated, will be national in scope.

9-16-26
Savannah, Ga

Backed By Prominent Ohioans

For some time it was learned, these men, with a group of other prominent Ohioans, including Lethia C. Fleming, Supreme Assistant Scribe, Dr. Charles H. Garvin, Supreme Treasurer; Dr. James A. Owen, Supreme Physician; Norman L. McGhee, Supreme Herald; Robert K. Hodges, Supreme Guide; Rev. Charles H. Crable, Supreme Prelate; Austin H. Marshall, Supreme Inner Guard; W. H. Black, Supreme Outer Guard; Lena G. Brown, William R. Connors, Henry W. Burrell, W. T. Clark, E. W. Few, Dr. J. E. Wallace, C. S. Wells Dr. John H. Taylor, and C. M. Channcey, of Cleveland, Ohio; Edna Louise Lewis, Akron, Ohio; Clarence Vena, Toledo, Ohio; Nimrod B. Allen, Columbus, Ohio; J. W. Waters, Youngstown, Ohio; and James H. Robinson of Columbus, Ohia; J.W. Waters, Youngsplans in connection with the formation of The Modern Crusaders of the World.

Fraternal Insurance Experts Aids In Formation

With the purpose in view of providing for Colored Americans, the highest type of fraternal insurance protection and benefits, the services of a trained expert in the field of fraternal insurance for some thirty-eight years, having had to do with the formation and upbuilding of the greatest of these societies and the first in the fraternal insurance field, was secured, and thus, The Modern Crusaders of the World are prepared to give protection and benefit features of the most modern forms and of a type not heretofore offered.

Marks Progressive Step By Colored Ohioans

The licensing of The Modern Crusaders of the World to do business as a fraternal insurance society marks a new step in the progress of the Colored citizens of Ohio, for it is the first national body of its kind to be chartered under the stringent laws of the State of Ohio. The fact that the Modern Crusaders of the World has met the rigid requirements of the insurance laws of the State of Ohio indicates that its program is substantial and that it is properly financed to meet the ob-

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ligations imposed under policies to be issued.

Rigid Ohio Insurance Laws Met

The Modern Crusaders of the World are now soliciting five hundred qualified persons to participate in its establishment as charter members of local councils. This society, backed and manned by strong men and women of the State of Ohio and having met the requirements of the State of Ohio, whose laws are considered among the most stringent and rigid of any State in the Union, and with its carefully worked out constructive program under the guidance of a seasoned fraternal insurance expert, is destined to become a most potent factor in the Negro citizenry of America.

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Mosaic Templars

Financial Report

Balance Aug. 30, 1925		$ 84.864.06
Receipts for 105th quarter		144.798.34
Total Birmingham Reporter		$229,662.40
Disbursements for 105th Quarter		
Death Claims and Monuments 1-2-26	$87,821.66	
Investments	16,663.95	
Other Expenses Birmingham, Ala.	30,816.69	$135,302.30
Endowment Cash Balance		$ 94.360.10
Juvenile Cash Balance		15,556.25
Adequate Rate Cash Balance		15,253.38
Mosaic Templars of America.		
Total Cash Balance		$125,169.73
Loans, Endowment Department		217,131.23
Loans, Juvenile Department		13,827.90
Bonds		50,917.40
Bills Receivable		16,861.80
Furniture and Fixtures		25,000.00
Valuation National Temple Buildings and Grounds		260,000.00
Printing Outfit		6,390.00
Assets Endowment Department		$715,298.46
Assets State Departments		218,977.06
Total		$934,275.12

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Odd Fellows.

MAYOR JACKSON WELCOMES ODD FELLOWS TO CITY

Thomas R. Smith Is Roundly Cheered By Big Gathering Thursday

Mayor Howard W. Jackson delivered the welcoming address to more than 5000 visiting delegates and friends of the B. M. C. Tuesday morning in the Richmond Market Armory.

It is estimated that more than 25,000 delegates and friends of the order including the Household Ruth are in the city this week representing nearly every state in the country.

The Mayor was accompanied and escorted to the big hall by Thomas R. Smith, noted hotel keeper of Druid Hill Avenue.

The Mayor came in at 10 o'clock and had to wait 20 minuts for the arrival of Grand Master, Edward Morris, who was detained at his quarters.

The Rev. Harold Stepteau introduced the Mayor who spoke for 20 minutes. He praised the Order and the excellent growth it has had in the last few years.

Mayor Jackson was asked to give the B. M. C. $500 for the Court of Honor in the 1200 block of Druid Hill Avenue. He was instrumental in having $3,500 donated for this purpose.

In the course of his address the Mayor said that he had never made a promise that he had failed to keep and cited the recent building of the new Douglass High School and the two other schools that will be added to the system this year.

He also stated that he was for the equalization of all school teachers in reference to salary last year, but the School Board has come around to his way of thinking this year and the teachers will get the raise.

Smith Is Cheered

Thomas R. Smith was introduced and received a rousing cheer from the thousands assembled. The applause lasted several seconds. He was introduced as Baltimore's Mayor behind the scenes. His generosity has been the means of aiding many worthy causes in Baltimore.

The big parade will be held today, Thursday, at 10 A. M. The principal streets of the city will be traversed. The Mayor and the city officials will review the marchers from the City Hall.

Wednesday Morning

Wednesday morning's session was given to the reading of reports by the Grand Secretary, James F. Needham and dthe Grand Treasurer, A. T. Shirley and Grand Auditors, James M. Miller, James H. Black and J. E. Reid.

The report of the auditors showed that the organization was in a secure financial condition. Cash on hand, receipts from rentals and other sources surpass any two period that the order has known. The total membership closely approaches 200,000 financial members with approximately 5,000 lodges. Valuable accessions to the membership were reported from Cuba, The Virgin Islands, Liberia, Panama, Porto Rico and Jamaica.

Reports Approved

The reports of all the general officers were unanimously approved. Standing committees for the week were also announced at Wednesday morning's session. Several propositions, or amendments, were also introduced and acted upon by the assembly. The Grand Master of Texas reported the Texas organization in splendid condition and invited the next B. M. C. to the 'Lone Star' State in 1928.

The Maryland Lodges reported more than 10,000 members, and the entire state organization in excellent condition. The Grand Master of Georgia spoke of the litigation so successfully waged in the courts of that State, and cited the determination of the Georgia lodges to quickly recover from the results of so long a court battle. The Rev. Dr. Ernest Lyon was introduced and voiciferously applauded at the close of his talk.

Grand Master Speaks

Tracing the growth of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows since their last B. M. C. held here in 1916, Grand Master Edward H. Morris told his hearers on Tuesday afternoon at Richmond Market Armory that the progress had been made despite obstacles.

The speaker spoke of dissenion which for a time threatened to split the solidity of the order, and followed wth the statement that the menace had been fought and overcome. "A bigger, better, and more prosperous order is standing today" said the Grand Master.

Baltimore hospitality was stressed by the speaker, and the splendid arrangements of local members was also commented on. The members were urged to continue the progress, and to assist the Patriarchie. Detailed figures were given that proved the organization was in a prosperous condition. The members of the Household of Ruth were complimented, and deceased members were mentioned at the conclusion.

Grand Superior

Most Worthy Grand Superior Mrs. Mary Parker, head of the Household of Ruth, pointed out the growth of the Order numerically and financially. The official also reported the lodges in all sections of the United States and Canada in excellent condition. Delegates were also urged to support the Juvenile Department.

A stirring extemporaneous speech in which Mrs. Parker was eulogized was delivered from the floor of the Armory by Mrs. E. S. Kennard, a school teacher of Houston, Texas. The speaker received enthusiastic applause at the close.

Visiting Delegates

The New England Delegation, chairman, C. S. Winters, Boston, Mass, is represented by about sixty delegates largely from the Bay State.

Some prominent delegates are: R T. Lane, Massachusetts; Joseph H. Webster, Sumnerj; H. J. Harper, Golden Chain, Springfield; James Higgins, Golden Chain, Springfield; Stillman A. Tasco, District Grand Secretary, Sumner; Archie Campbell, District Deputy Grand Master, Boston; George T. Banks, Ernest T Cook, R. J. Taylor, James H. Bland, V. P. Boston; Mrs. A. J. Stewart, Boston; Mrs. A. J. Stewart, Household. Boston.

Other Delegates

Other prominent delegates are Mrs. M. J. Sigh, Houston, Texas; Mrs. E. S. Kennard, District Grand Treasurer, Houston, Texas; Frank P. Farrell, District Grand Director, New Orleans; J. L. Finley, Chester, South Carolina; Joe Matting, Washington, D. C.; Joseph Pilgrim, Henderson, North Carolina; Captain Naomi M. W. Patterson, Lieutenant A. D. Williams, Louisiana.

gation; Past Noble Fathers, New York.

California

The Los Angeles and San Francisco delegations received tumultous applause, as did the floats of Sweet Beulah, Annapolis, and Brilliant Star Households. The occupants of the floats were tastefully attired. Other delegations in line were: representatives from St. Louis, Kansas City, New England; Virginia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Ohio, Georgia and other states.

Baltimore Applauded

The Baltimore lodges and households were among the most brilliantly uniformed and the best drilled in the parade. Representatives from the Daughters of the First Maryland Brigade; City of Baltimore Lodges; Zerbubel Lodge; Bishop Wayman; Alexander, Hemsley, Brilliant Star; and Prosperity Household, were applauded all along the line. Nine bands played stirring martial and other airs for the marchers.

MORRIS AGAIN GRAND MASTER ODD FELLOWS

Convention Re-elects All Grand Officers But One Director By Acclamation

4500 PARADE THRU STREETS OF CITY

Lodges From Many States In Big Public Demonstration Thursday

Following the big parade Thursday in which 4,500 Odd Fellows from all parts of the country marched in a big demonstration, the Business session on Friday morning re-elected National Grand Master Edward N. Morris for the next two years.

Carried back into office also on the popular wave of approval were the following: B. V. Baranco, Dep. Grand Master; James F. Needham, Grand Secretary; A. T. Shirley, Grand Treasurer; and Jas. F. Adair, New York, George H. Pugh, South Carolina; R. T. Thomas, Florida; Jesse Nicholas, Maryland; and Ernest Cook, Massachusetts, Grand Directors.

One Fight

The only fight among the delegation developed in the election for Grand Director, when North Carolina presented the name of J. H. Johnson to oppose Cook of Massachusetts. In the vote Cook received 1,154 while Johnson received 429.

Grand Master Morris was also elected as delegate to the international meeting in England next year.

1,631 Delegates

A report of the credentials committee showed that there were 1,631 delegates present representing the various states, Canada and Panama They were distributed as follows:

New York, 56; Alabama, 3; Arizona, 1; Arkansas, 6; Panama, 2 California, 1; Canada, 1; Connect. 1; eDleware, 13; Dist. Col. 32; Florida, 46; Georgia, 22; Ill., 41; Ind 14; Kentucky, 4; Louisiana, 176; Maine, 1; Maryland, 88; Mass., 15; Michigan, 3; Minn., 1; Mississippi 4; Missouri, 64; Nebraska, 1; New Jersey, 35; N. Carolina, 357; Ohio 25; Oklahoma, 26; Pennsylvania 79; Rhode Island, 4; South Carolina, 292; Texas, 2; Tennessee, 50 Virginia, 112; W. Virginia, 33; Dominica Republic, 2.

$93,397 Budget

During the past two years the B. M. C. spent $93,397 according to the report of the auditing committee. The total receipts for the same period were $179,237. There was a balance on hand as of July 1, $27,457.

At the Wednesday session greeting from the I. B. P. O. E. was brought by Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson and from Commissioner of Education William E. Heuston.

Laud Entertainment

In resolutions presented Friday the Mayor of Baltimore and citizens were lauded for the show of hospitality and the local committee on entertainment were praised for the unusually effective way in which the delegation was handled.

The AFRO-AMERICAN was publicly thanked for the space and service it had given to the B. M. C. The AFRO published two special editions and conducted an information bureau at the headquarters. It was also brought out on the floor of the session that the B. M. C. lacked the official machinery for handling its own publicity. Grand Master Morris promised that this would be taken care of in future meetings.

New Legislation

Among the new legislation proposed and submitted for future consideration was the following:

"To change the clause requiring lodges to expel members convicted of crime to one giving them trial by the lodges.

To change the regulation "high dress hat" worn on all dress occasions to a "hat the style of the Turkish fez, navy blue in color."

That no persons holding office in other secret State organizations shall hold district offices in the State Grand lodges.

Chicago Next

Chicago ran away with the next session of the B. M. C., there being no other contender seriously considered. The next session will be held in 1928.

Grand Master Morris and Official Staff Reelected By Acclamation At 23rd B. M. C., G. U. O. O. F., Last Week In Baltimore

New York Delegation, Led By District Grand Master H. J. Edwards, Loud In Praise of Baltimore Hospitality—Fine Address By Mayor Howard Jackson

Baltimore, M. D.—The 23rd B.M.C. G.U.U.O.F., Edward H. Morris of Chicago, grand master, is now history. It opened on Monday morning, September 13, and closed Friday, with all present officers reelected by acclamation, and with Chicago being selected for the 1928 meeting.

The only change in the official personnel was caused by the death of Dr. J. P. Roberts of Boston, deputy grand master. His vacancy was filled by the election of B. V. Barronco, a grand director and the vacant directorship was filled by the election of Ernest Cook of Massachusetts.

One of the outstanding features of the convention was the address delivered on Tuesday morning by Mayor Howard Jackson, who spoke for twenty minutes after having been held up twenty minutes by the late arrival of Grand Master Morris. Mayor Jackson complimented the Order on its splendid growth and told of some of the things he had been instrumental in having done for Baltimore's colored Douglas High School, the addition of citizenry. These included the New two other schools for colored children, and the equalization of the salaries of all teachers in the public schools.

Parade Was Spectacular.

The most spectacular event of the week was the magnificent public parade on Thursday, which brought out all of the gorgeously hued raiments which accoutered the various marching bodies connected with the Order. The procession was more than an hour in passing any one point. One of the bodies attracting favorable comment and being accorded hearty applause all along the line of the march was the Past Noble Fathers' Marching Club of New York City, which was preceded by the Eureka Lodge Band of New York. The gaily caparisoned drum major, at head of the band, was the cynosure of all eyes as he nimbly pranced through the intricasies of the "Charleston" throughout the whole parade.

The New York delegation, made up of 56 representatives from 72 lodges, had its headquarters at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bracco, 1315 Madison avenue, and District Grand Master Harry J. Edwards and his official staff give unbounded praise to their hosts for the splendid hospitality of which the New Yorkers were the recipients. The New Yorkers making the trip numbered more than three hundred, and the entire group is elated over the fine treatment accorded them by Baltimoreans.

Housing the New Yorkers.

District Grand Master Edwards went personally to Baltimore and made advance arrangements for the housing of the New York delegation, and evidence of the thoroughness and efficiency of his ministration is seen in the fact that not one complaint was voiced by any of his followers.

Credit for perfection of arrangements is given to Hezekiah Brown, chairman and Jesse Nicholas, secretary, of the Baltimore general committee of arrangements, and it was stated by Grand Master Edwards that these men were tireless in effort and altogether competent; that the comortable and enjoyable stay of the visitors was due altogether to the management of Chairman Brown and his associates.

Much important legisation was attended to during the week, most of it, however, being of direct interest only to the Order. The first public meeting was held Monday morning in Richmond Market Hall, with Hezekiah Brown, district grand master, Maryland District Grand [illegible] as temporary chairman. 1,5000 people filled the auditorium, a [illegible] Solicitor Richard Williams s[illegible]e absence of the Mayor, who [illegible]hiladelphia observing Baltimore Day at the Sesqui-Centennial. As stated above, the Mayor spoke himself on Tuesday.

Telegram From England.

Other addresses were delivered by Grand Master Morris, Temporary Chairman Brown, the Rev. M. H. Davis, and Grand Director Barranco. The Households of Ruth were welcomed by Inmate Nettie Parker, with a response by Grand Superior Mrs. Mary A. Parker. Telegram of greeting was read from the grand master, officers and board of directors of the grand lodge of England.

The committee of credentials consisted of James F. Needham, George T. Kearny, W. W. Conway, Skinner Huston Dutton, Butler and Z. R. Jackson. The annual addresses of the grand master and grand superior were deliveder at a joint session on Tuesday afternoon.

The treasurer's report showed cash receipts during last biennial of $179,237.73, with disbursements amounting to $151,780.36, leaving a cash balance of $27,457.37.

Among the distinguished visitors on Wednesday were Dr. Ernest Lyon, Liberian Consul; J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler and R. E. Pharrow grand trustee, I.B.P.O.E. of W., with greetings from the Elks delivered by William E. Hueston of Gary, Ind., commissioner of education.

Roster of Officers.

Officers of the next term are: Edward H. Morris, grand master; B. V. Barranco, deputy grand master; James F. Needham, grand secretary; A. T. Shirley, grand treasurer. The grand directors are Jas. F. Adair, N. Y., Geo. H. Pugh, S. C., R. T. Thomas, Florida, Jesse Nicholas, Maryland, Ernest Cook, Massachusetts; Grand auditors—James M. Miller, James H Black and J. E. Reed.

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Odd Fellows.

ODDFELLOWS SALUTE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

By Associated Negro Press.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 7.—The correspondent to the State of this city has written of the recent convention of Colored Oddfellows, where from 600 to 1200 were present, commenting on the fact that when the fraternal parade passed the Confederate monument in Abbeville, "every sword wen tup in salute to the soldiers in gray who died for their country."

The correspondent notes the incident for the benefit of "any of our Northern friends in our midst who have been inclined at times to imagine that the relations of the races 'down South' are no teordial."

Louisville News
8-7-26
Louisville Ky

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Odd Fellows

$28,000 OVER-PAYMENT ON HOUSTON TEMPLE AGAIN BOBS UP AS DECISION AGAINST ODD FELLOWS MAKES ADDITIONAL EXPENSE NECESSARY TO PROTECT SECOND LIEN NOTE ACCEPTED AT FACE VALUE, TOTAL OF EXPENSE DUE TO RIDDLE'S BLUNDER MAY REACH $50,000.00 OFFICERS NOT IN COURT AS CASE IS CALLED

HOUSTON, Texas, April 24—Another chapter in the inefficiency of the Odd Fellow officials who had to do with the building of the temple in Houston and proof of the charges against Secretary Riddle who, it is charged was charged with the over-payment of the contractor who erected the building and the acceptance of second lien notes at face value on which the Grand Lodge was likely to lose money, has evidently been written in the decision of a Houston judge in a suit, alleged to have been brought by the Odd Fellows Lodge. The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias to restrain it from obtaining payment of the first lien note against the property against which the second lien of The Odd Fellows was held. According to report, the decision gave to The Knights of Pythias opportunity to collect the full value of their note of $15,000 plus interest, accrued interest and an additional 10 per cent for collection fee; the building was ordered sold at sheriffs sale and the claims of The Knights of Pythias satisfied first. Such an arrangement will make it necessary for the Odd Fellows to spend around $19,000 more in order to protect their interest in the second litn note of approximately $4,500 if they would not lose the whole amount since it is claimed that the property involved is worth much less than the total amount of the claims against it ow that court costs and collection fees for attorneys have been added to the notes already against it.

Brings to Mind Then $28,000 Over Payment

The closing of this case brings again to the public mind the sensational disclosures made last year by The Express and by leading Odd Fellows throughout the jurisdiction of evidences of inefficiency or graft in the ranks of the grand officers of that order and of the dastardly squelching of those charges and of the election of J. H. Riddle who was involved, while those charges were pending. It racalls the "steam roller" which was employed during the grand lodge sessions which denied an opportunity to men to make additional disclosures to the grand lodge which would have resulted in probable action against these officials in other ways as well as bringing to mind the statements of officials of various sorts who acting in behalf of these inefficient or dishonest officials, told the public that the money involved in this second lien note was easily collectable and that the Grand Lodge would lose nothing by the transaction.

It will be remembered that this second lien note was taken by the Grand Lodge to help to satisfy an overpayment of the contractor for the temple to the amount of $28,000. At the time that the issue arose there was a well defined sentiment throughout the state to the effect that such an action was very uncommon in the actions of men who were accustomed to handling the funds of others and that in the light of facts as they were presented, it appeared that the Grand Lodge had employed officials who were "either dishonest or woefully inefficient." At that time The Express took the position that these officials should take over these notes, one of which was a chattel mortgage of machinery that the contractor had the right to use while he was satisfying the debt, and pay to the Grand Lodge the face value of the notes in order that the resources of the order might not be impaired. But none of this was done. Instead, a flood of oratory greeted the delegates whose funds were involved in the seemingly foolish transactions of these officials and now, if the reports are true, the predictions of The Express have come to pass and the Odd Fellows must add to the $28,000 already overpayed an amount which is conservatively estimated at $19,000 if they would protect their "valuable note" of agout $4,500. This amount would bring the total cost to the order of the inefficiency of these men up to about -40,000.

Odd Fellows Would Have Changed Business Proceedure

The details of the case, as they have come to light involve a seeming attempt of the Odd Fellows officials to change the whole course of business proceedure and to make the claims of the holder of a second lien note take precedence over those of the holder of a first lien note: a thing unheard of in all of the hisetory of the transaction of business.

It appears that The Knights of Pythias was the holder of a first lien note on the property of The Pythian Temple Federation of Houston on their building located there. This note was worth $15,000. The second lien, accepted by the Odd Fellows at its face value was originally for $8,000. It appears that when the Federation fell behind in the payment of its interest to the Pythians that order immediately placed the note in the hands of an attorney for collection; an action which immediately added the cost of collection to the note The usual amount charged for the collection of notes is 10 per cent of their face value.

Evidently seeing the danger to their note in such a course, The Odd Fellows are alleged to have immediately entered suit against the Pythians, seeking to prevent them from collecting their penalty of 10 per cent, a thing which would have virtually have changed the whole of accepted business proceedure. When the case came to trial, it is alleged that the judge ruled that the Pythians were entitled to the full value of their note, interest, accrued interest on it and the 10 per cent collection fee and that the property should be sold at sheriffs sale to the highest bidder and the full claims of The Pythians satisfied first.

Odd Fellows Must Buy Building or Face Original Note Loss Plus Court Cost

In order to protect their second lien note, it seems necessary now for The Odd Fellows to buy in this building at a price which will pay the Pythians in full for their claims; casual calculation indicates that this amount must be in the neighborhood of $20,000 and yet, according to advices received from appraisers in Houston, the building is worth hardly $15,000.

The expenditure of an additional $20,000 by the Odd Fellows in such a transaction would bring the total cost of their inefficiency to the membership of that order up to nearly $50,000 counting in the cost of the court proceedure.

Though Case Involved $20,000 of Odd Fellow Money, No Officials Were in Court When Case Was Called

Though this case involved approximately $20,000 of the money of the order, it is reported that when this case was called and tried in court, there was not a single one of the Odd Fellow officials in the court room. The case was tried in Houston, the place at which the home office of that order is located. It is reported that the order was represented by a firm of white lawyers and by a Mr. McGrath, described as the same state official who during the grand lodge of last year assured the members of the order that its acceptance of the note involved would entail no loss to the order of its funds. The decision in the case gives evidence of the misapprehension under which even he labored.

Odd Fellows Pay $20,000 for Houston Building, Pythians Get $19,000 to Settle Judgment.

Houston, Texas, July 17—The closing scene of one of the most interesting transactions ever recorded in Teras was enacted on the Harris County Court House steps on Tuesday morning of last week when the sheriff, in the presence of not more than a dozen men placed the temple of the local Pythians in Houston "under the hammer" and "knocked it down" to the highest bidder, the Odd Fellows of Texas who through Attorney Armstrong their bid of $20,000 for the structure. It is reported that the building was immediately resolved to The Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Texas, headed by Grand Master Boozier for the sum of $30,000 of which amount, $2,2000 was paid as a guarantee of good faith.

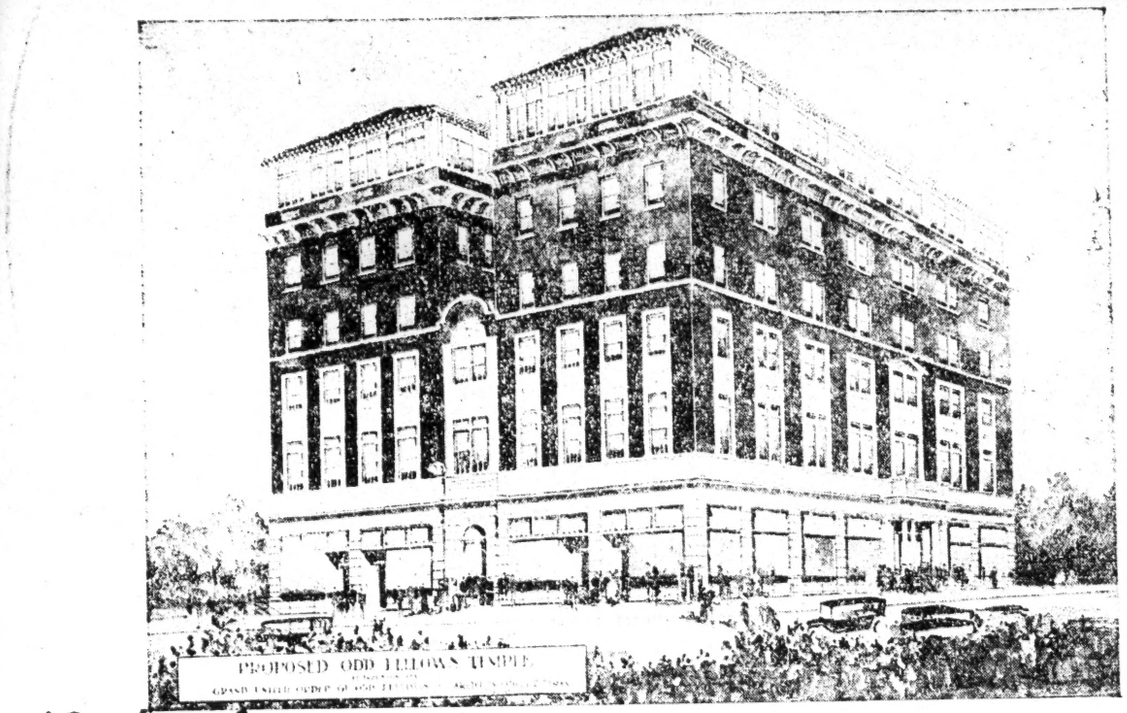
The sheriff's sale of this property came as the result of a law suit between the Odd Fellows, who had accepted a second lien note on the property at face value as part payment for an overpayment of $28,000 to the contractors of the Odd Fellows Temple in Houston, and The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias who held the first lien oo the property and who were attempting to collect their note with interest and penalty. The Pythians were upheld in their contention and the property ordered to be sold. It is understood that the total amount of the Pythian equity amounted to more than $19,000 of the $20,000 paid for the property.

The only witnesses to the sheriff's sale were Grand Master G. W. Jackson, James T. Ewing, Endowment Secretary; Grand Secretary Riddle, Pythian Attorney, A. S. Wells, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, J. E. Smith, Vice Grand Chancellor. L. B. Kinchion, two of three attaches of the seriff's office the lawyers for the Odd Fellows who made the bids, a representative of The Express and two or three bystanders who seemed to be wondering what was happening.

10,000 ODD FELLOWS EXPECTED HERE

Elaborate plans are being made for the national conclave of the G. U. O. Of Biennial Movable Committee, which convenes Monday, September 13th to 18th inclusive. Ten thousand delegates and fifteen thousand visitors are expected to visit Baltimore during convention week.

The National session of Odd Fellows will be the largest gathering that has visited the city in many years. More visitors are expected to attend this convention than were here during the National Baptist Convention September 1925. Delegates from foreign countries are expected to be among the great host that will visit the city.



Dallas Express
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The Odd Fellows Temple on which $28,000 [illegible] paid to the contractor and because of which [illegible] the suit was accepted. This note was just one of three notes of doubtful value, accepted by the Odd Fellows. One other was a chattel mortgage on machinery which the contractor reserved the right to use and on which no allowance is said to have been made for depreciation. The third was a second lien on a Church building located in Houston.

Odd Fellows Handle Some $12,000,000 Each Year

Texas Led Last Year, Reporting 9,000 New Members Whose Average Per Capita Expenditures For Lodge Purposes Was About $16 Per Year

Some idea of the tremendous financial interests of the Grand United Odd Fellows of America was gleaned in Baltimore last week when reports showed that the organizations in this country handles than $12,000,000. Some idea of the activities [illegible] various departments.

The main business organization of the order is the Endowment Department, which is conducted in separate state units under the supervision of the various State Grand lodges.

South Carolina, for instance, whose endowment department is under the secretaryship of [illegible] Butler, collected last year more than $[illegible],000. Some idea of the activities can also be gleaned by reports from Texas that in that state alone 9,000 members were added to the rolls, three organizers being paid $150 monthly to expand the order.

According to auditors the admitted assets of the National Grand Lodge are $295,144.08. This represents merely the fixed assets and supplies, including the headquarters building which is valued at $144,345.22. Only a very small proportion of the lodge funds are handled by the National Grand Lodge. Their resources are derived from a per capita tax of 20 cents per year from each member.

To administer this the National Grand Lodge is organized into a sub-committee of management, comprising the National officers and the five grand directors. Since the national body meets only every other year, the sub-committee of management administrates the affairs of the order for most of the time.

LOUISIANA LED WITH DELEGATES AT BALTIMORE

(By The Associated Negro Press.)

Baltimore, Md.—Of the 1,500 delegates who attended the 23rd annual session of the Biennial Movable Committee of Odd Fellows in this city, 300 came from the State of Louisiana. Nearly five thousand members and delegates took part in a parade through the business section of the city. Claims were made that the organization has a membership of 750,000.

9-25

The delegates and visitors were welcomed to the city by Mayor Jackson, who emphasized the fight he had made for the equalization of opportunity for all citizens of Baltimore. Other addresses of welcome were delivered by representatives of various local interests and responded to by leading Odd Fellows. At the opening session, the national grand master, Edward H. Morris, Chicago, who was elected in this city 16 years ago, was presented.

Every effort was made during the convention to destroy any desire to elect new national officers. There was spirited rivalry for minor offices and state leadership. Everybody seemed to be in favor of the re-election of Morris. Atlantic City, N. J., was favored as the next place of meeting.

4500 PARADE THRU STREETS OF THE CITY

Odd Fellows From Many States In Public Demonstration Thursday.

TEN BANDS IN LINE OF MARCH

229 Autos And Floats; Seven Foot Drum Major Cheered

Forty-five hundred Odd Fellows on foot and in 229 autos accompanied by ten bands paraded city streets Thursday.

Jazzy bands, marching clubs of both men and women in colorful uniforms, prettily decorated autos and floats were applauded by 75,000 along the line of march, which began at Druid Hill avenue and Hoffman street, circled the city, passing thru down town streets and the City Hall, where it was reviewed by leading officials of the city and the order and returning to the Fifth Regiment Armory, where it disbanded.

The parade required slightly over an hour to pass a given point.

Soldiers Lead

Leading the parade was a troop of nine mounted police and the First Separate Company, Maryland National Guards, under Captain Charles Creigler. Colonel Harry P. Franklin was grand marshal.

Maryland Patriarchic, No. 9 was given the honor of leading the foot marchers. They were headed by Dabney's Band in white uniforms. A Washington unit followed.

Then came uniformed rank and marching clubs of Alexandria, Va. Their band wore white blouses, blue serge coats with yellow braid.

Western Pannsylvania and West Virginia, Atlantic City, N. J., came next.

Seashore women in natty blue marching uniforms attracted attention. Then came an Indiana unit.

Seven Foot Drum Major

A seven foot drum major, heading the Philadelphia delegation, received storms of applause. The Kansas City unit, which followed, was one of the best drilled in the parade. A New Haven, Conn., group followed.

A group of Baltimore women, of the Household of Ruth in white duck uniforms, was followed by the Wilmington, Del., and Camden Ruthites, in black uniforms.

City Units

Baltimore City lodge, wore white trousers, hats and shoes and blue coats. Zerrubabel, Brilliant, Bishop Wayman, Julius C. Johnson, Myrtle and John Bridge lodges, all of this city, becomingly dressed, formed the largest unit of the parade.

New York Unit

The New York delegation, headed by a band in blue uniforms and yellow braid and a drum major, who did the "Charleston," "Mess Around" and other jazz contortions as he marched, got a big hand from a thousand school children as they passed the corner of Fremont and Presstman streets.

Schools Out

An hour before the parade, Supervisor Wood passed around the word that school children would be permitted to leave classes to view the marchers and return immediately afterwards.

4500 Marched

The AFRO's first estimate of the number of marchers was 4000. Later tabulations by two AFRO clerks, showed the exact number as 4,500. There were 217 autos and twelve floats.

Washington Unit

The Washington delegation, garbed in white duck uniforms, with red, white and blue aprons and umbrellas of the same color, made a natty showing.

Commonwealth Band

Charles Williams' Commonwealth Band in white trousers and blue coats, led the Alexander Hemsley Lodge, of Baltimore, and the Prosperity Lodge, also of this city.

They were followed by Annapolis, Md., delegations.

Virginia Lodge

Alexandria, Va., lodge was also led by a blue uniformed band and a drum major in heliotrope colored suit, who performed the "Charleston" as he marched.

300 Autos

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OMEGA DONATES $200 FOR FUND

Officers Re-elected; Passage of Constructive Measures Features Notable Meet.

At its annual conclave, at Tuskegee, Ala., which concluded December 31, 1925, Omega Psi Phi fraternity voted $200 to the defense fund of the N. A. A. C. P.

Among many other constructive measures, the organization pledged itself to work for the passage of a law which would make lynching a federal crime; it urged upon the President of the United States the abolition of segregation and discriminatory practices against the Negro in the civil service; it recommended to Congress that effective measures be adopted to restore the suffrage to the Negroes of the South; and it recommended that a concerted effort be put forth urging labor unions to admit Negroes to membership on equal terms with other workmen.

One of the public ceremonies of the conclave was an address by George L. Vaughn, attorney, president of the fraternity, at the grave of Booker T. Washington.

All of the officers of the organization were re-elected for the coming year. They are: Attorney George L. Vaughn of St. Louis, Grand Basileus; J. S. McClain of Philadelphia, Vice Grand Basileus; Attorney Walter H. Mazyck of Washington, D. C., Grand Keeper of Records and Seals; Professor Daniel B. Taylor of Greensboro, N. C., Grand Keeper of Finances; Professor J. P. Murchison of Atlanta Ga., editor of the Oracle, and Dr. C. V. Dudley of Chicago, Grand Marshall.

The conclave accepted the offer of Sigma Omega chapter to meet in Chicago for the conclave in 1926.

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DELTA SIGS HOLD MEET IN DES MOINES

Cincinnati Is Selected for 1926 Sessions

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 8.—The seventh annual convention and 12th anniversary of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority in this city last week went on record as condemning the extension of racial prejudice and segregation in the United States as un-American, stressing the current case of Dr. O. H. Sweet of Detroit, on trial for murder for defending his home from a mob; as endorsing the Student federation of the world court recently convened at Princeton, N. J., and their stand in the election of Miss Mabel Holmes Holloway of Howard university as a southern district representative; and paying a floral tribute to the late Mrs. Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee Institute, who was an honorary member of the sorority.

Delegates from chapters from New York to California and from Michigan to Alabama, the guests of Phi chapter of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, elected the following officers for the coming year: Dorothy Pelham of Washington, D. C., president; Vivian Marsh of Berkeley, Cal., first vice president; Virginia M. Alexander of Kansas City, Mo., second vice president; Edna Johnson-Braddock of Des Moines, Iowa, general secretary; Annie M. Dingle of New York city, treasurer, and Pauline A. Young of Wilmington, Del., journalist and editor of The Delta, official organ of the sorority. The only change in the roster of officers is the office of second vice president. Cincinnati, Ohio, was chosen for the eighth annual convention and 13th anniversary of the sorority, Dec. 27 to 30, inclusive. Zeta and Gamma Sigma chapters will be hostesses.

The Convention City

"Education alone is the solution to all problems, be they civic, social or individual," declared Attorney Eskiel C. Carlson, city solicitor of Des Moines, in his address of welcome to the sorority members on behalf of Mayor Carl M. Garver. The hearty welcome was further extended the national sorority before an audience of 1,200 people at St. Paul A. M. E. church, 12th and Crocker Sts., by a message of greeting from Governor John Hammill of Iowa; by Rev. G. W. Robinson of the Corinthian Baptist church for the churches of the city; by Attorney C. F. Howard for the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, and Attorney S. Joe Brown for the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. A chorus of 50 mixed voices directed by Mrs. C. A. Adams, Miss Marguerite Esthers, violinist, and Miss Rocie Muckelroy, soprano, a visiting delegate from Los Angeles, Cal., furnished the musical phase of the opening program.

This first convention of the Delta Sigma Theta held west of the Mississippi river was made more enjoyable by the many social entertainments offered the many visitors, among which were the formal ball given the Deltas by the hostess chapter, Phi, on Wednesday evening at the Jewish Community center; the informal dance given by the local Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Psi chapters at the Knights of Columbus auditorium at the Insurance building Thursday evening; a breakfast dance at the same auditorium by the Roosevelt club Friday morning, and an informal party at the South Side Community center Tuesday evening.

Important Business Discussed

The establishment of a chapter of the sorority at Kansas City marked an important order of business at the first day's session, bringing the total of Delta Sigma Theta's chapters to 34. Other chapters authorized or approved were a graduate chapter at Los Angeles, Cal., and undergraduate chapters at Fisk university and the Colorado Teachers college, at Greely, Colo. The regional conferences attempted as an experiment during the past year were deemed so successful that they were made a permanent institution of the sorority. They will be held again in four sections this year the first week in April, southern, eastern, midwest and western conferences.

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Many Social Activities

The social program of the convention opened Sunday evening with a series of private dinner parties given in honor of the delegates and visitors. Monday at 4 p. m. the Lamda chapter entertained at dinner the general board and field officers. For the evening the members of the convention were the guests of the Delver Literary club in their annual formal reception. Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 7 the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was hostess in a reception of delightful charm and beauty. The members of the fraternity will long remember and feel a keen debate in the generous spirit of hospitality as shown by the young ladies of the A. K. A. The convention banquet at seven, and the all-Sigma dance which followed were affairs of unusual quality.

Following the final business session and a sightseeing tour in charge of A. D. Price, '26, Wednesday afternoon, the convention came to a close with the annual convention reception at Johnson's auditorium, where 500 guests vied with each other in adding a touch of glory to the climax of the greatest conclave in the history of the fraternity.

The Kappa chapter of Phi Beta Sigma in Nashville, Tenn., tendered as its annual formal affair a reception the very first of its kind in the history of the chapter. The music started promptly at 10 o'clock, with the orchestra seated under a blue and white canopy and was continued until the last waltz which was Three O'clock in the Morning. New York, Chicago, Boston, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Miami, Atlanta, Washington and Birmingham were represented among the guests, while among the other fraternities invited were the Alpha Phi Alpha, the Omega Psi Phi, the Kappa Alpha Psi, and the Chi Delta Mu.

Sigma Gamma Rho Holds First Annual Convention

The first national convention of the Sigma Gamma Rho sorority was held in Indianapolis, December 27 to 29. According to the Misses Vivian Howard, Ruth Mitchell and Jane Fuster the convention was interesting and well-rounded.

At the Monday session convention delegates were welcomed by representatives of college sororities and fraternities. Miss Henrietta Herod, who was the recent house guest of Miss Blanche Johnson of East 55th street, extended the welcoming greetings of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

Three Cleveland delegates were elected to national offices for the ensuing year. Miss Howard was elected recording secretary, Miss Mitchell sergeant-at-arms, and Miss Fuster, a member of the board of directors. The 1926 convention may be held in Cleveland.

Among the numerous social affairs given in honor of Sigma Gamma Rho were a reception by Mrs. Ransom, tea by the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, dances by the Federated and Bachelor clubs, and a party by Miss Elsie Mitchell.

OMEGAS HEAR BULLOCK AT ANNUAL CONCLAVE

TUSKEGEE INST., ALA. (By A. N. P.)—The fourteenth annual conclave of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity opened here Sunday night with exercises in the institute chapel.

Matthew Bullock, former Dartmouth athlete and assistant district attorney of the State of Massachusetts, delivered the principal address. After paying tribute to Booker T. Washington, he commended Dr. Moton for the "wisdom and tact he has displayed in handling the affairs of the institute and particularly in reference to his contribution of the betterment of race relations in the south.

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Addresses of welcome were made by R. R. Taylor, acting principal of the Institute and Col. Joseph H. Hard, medical officer in charge of U. S. veterans' hospital. The response to these addresses was made by Attorney George L. Vaughn of St. Louis, grand basileus of the fraternity.

Phi Betas Meet

RICHMOND, V. (By A. N. P.)—More than two hundred delegates and members of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity gathered here this week for the twelfth annual convention in session at Union university.

Dr. Monroe N. Work of Tuskegee delivered the annual address at the opening of the convention at First Baptist church Sunday afternoon. Other prominent speakers on the program for the week were Prof. J. W. Woodhous, president, of Baltimore, and Dr. I. L. Scruggs, editor of Buffalo; B. F. Cofer, Atlanta, Atty. A. W. Mitchell, Washington.

With Deltas In Des Moines

Des Moines, Ia.—Among the 40 college women delegates to the annual convention of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority are: Mrs. Annie Laura Dingle, N. Y.; treasurer, extreme left and Y. Dorothy Pelham, next to extreme right, president.

McGHEE RELINQUISHES FRATERNITY OFFICE

DETROIT, MICH.—"No longer shall the Colored American permit himself to be measured by inferior standards when he undertakes to serve the people of our country as a doctor, lawyer, teacher, preacher, or in the trades and skilled fields of endeavor," said Dr. Julian H. Lewis, assistant professor of pathology in the University of Chicago, speaking before the members and friends of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity at the public session of the annual convention of this college organization which was held in Detroit during the Christmas holidays. Dr. Lewis insisted that the standard by which the Negro will measure himself in the future is that which is recognized as the universal standard of accomplishment in every field of human endeavor.

Perhaps the largest group of Negro college men ever to assemble in the state of Michigan came together in Detroit at the Alpha Phi Alpha convention. The sessions were presided over by Raymond W. Cannon, national president. One of the big things which occupied the attention of the fraternity was its plan to give increased time to its yearly "Go to High School, Go to College" campaign.

After seven years of continuous service as national secretary of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Attorney Norman L. McGhee of Cleveland at the recent convention relinquished the office to J. H. B. Evans of Atlanta, Ga.

Another change in the national administration of the Alpha Phi Alpha came with the election of Percival R. Piper of Detroit as national treasuer. Other officers elected were: Raymond W. Cannon, who was re-elected as president; Dr. Peyton F. Anderson of New York city, vice-president; Charles W. Greene of Atlanta, Ga., vice-president; Harley S. Manuel of Columbus, O., vice-president; James W. McGregor, of Los Angeles, Cal., vice-president, and Oscar C. Brown, editor of the Sphinx.

From a number of invitations, Richmond, Va., the seat of Gamma chapter of the fraternity, was selected as the place where the 19th annual convention will be held. This will be Dec. 27 to 31, 1926.

SORORITY HOLDS NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority held its annual National Convention at Indianapolis, Ind. Dec. 27-29.

This Sorority is a Greek letter organization having its Grand Chapter in Indianapolis. Letters and telegroms of congratulations was received by the convention, among them a letter from the National Kappa Alpha Kappa convening at New York City, New York.

The following persons were elected National Grand Officers:

President, Mary Lou Allison, Indianapolis; Vice President, M. Edythe Malone, Louisville, Ky.; Financial Secretary, Clara Murphy, Gary, Ind.; Secretary, Verian Howard, Cleveland, Terre Haute, Ind.; Sergean tat Arms, Miss Mitchell, Cleveland, Ohio; Chaplain, Maude Merriweather, Indianapolis; Organizer, Homer Woods, Chicago; Attorney, R. L. Brohenburr, Indianapolis; Board of Directors, Misses White, Fester Lacy and Williams.

Reception, teas, luncheons, dances and musicals were given by the following representative citizens of Indianapolis: Mrs. Mary E. Cable, Miss Vivian White, Mrs. Georgetta Bardwell, Mrs. Ada Dodson, Mrs. F. B. Ransom, Mrs. Walder, Mrs. Perry, Federated, Alpha Kappa Alpha and the music promoters.

The second annual convention will be held at Cleveland, Ohio.

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Negro Fraternities Hold Conclaves

As the old year was passing and the new year was arriving the thoughts of the members of the several fraternities were centered on the assemblies or conclaves that were being held in the various parts of the country.

The Kappas were assembled in Greater New York while the Alphas were congregated farther in the west at Detroit. The Omegas were encamped on the soil once inhabited by the great Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee, Ala., and the Phi Beta Sigma were at aristocratic old Richmond.

All reported the greatest year in their histories and were very optimistic as to the outlook on the future and its contents. Kappa was represented by Theodore Hubert. Omega was represented by Albert Dent. Alpha was represented by W. H. King, Jr., and Sigma was represented by W. A. Wynn.

The local boys were very popular. A typical illustration of this latter fact was the election of B. F. Cofer, formerly of the Independent, as Editor of the "Crescent," the periodical of the Sigma fraternity. This is a very high honor, but Mr. Cofer deserves the confidence placed in him by his brothers. Although he was not at the meeting he was notified of his election and told to wire acceptance. In accordance with our policy of criticising we will offer a few favorable criticisms. We cannot do that for all of the fraternities, accordingly we will give the achievements of Kappa as submitted by T. R. Hubert and we can say that this is typical of the conclaves in a general way: The Kappas report one of the greatest years in its history of 15 years both in achievement and in outlining its program and activities for the year, and many social enjoyments incidental to its convening. The purpose and the fruit of this fraternity is same as any fraternity—achievement. When a thing justifies its existence it will not die. The Kappa fraternity HAS justified its existence, hence it will not die, but will live on in the hearts of men and women.

Established in the middle west, this fraternity by choosing the very best of Negro college men, binding them together in a spirit of brotherly love, has increased its chapters at strategic points for helping the Negro youth in various parts of the United States. It now has a total of over forty chapters.

At the opening of the session Attorney Earl B. Dickerson, the Grand Polemarch, made his annual address, laying emphasis upon choosing men of fine quality for the noble clan rather than filling up the ranks with the scum and worthless student; proper plans of executing the annual Guide Right Movement of the fraternity; for helping the high school youth to choose his proper vocation, were presented and many other helpful plans were presented for the intellectual, physical and moral uplift of the race that will be dutifully carried out by the many chapters.

The convention brought together some of the most prominent leaders of the country who stand high in civic affairs. Some of the delegates were Dr. and Mrs. Ossian Sweet, of Detroit; Assistant Attorney General W. H. Harrison, of Illinois; Bishop Ransom, Bishop Vernon, Dr. Midian C. Bousfield; the president of the Liberty Life Insurance Company, and H. Alexander, a young civil engineer who has in his possession a contract for one and a half million dollars' worth of construction.

The principal speakers were Attorney Harrison and Bishop Ransom. Bishop Ransom said: "In some form Negro scholarship must speedily come to the moral and spiritual rescue of the colored youth of the nation, conceived in the Christian spirit of the common brotherhood of men. In a government based upon the political equality of all its citizenship, how shall it guard itself to hold its own group true to these high doctrines while meeting the challenge of denial hurled from seats of power occupied by millions of its white countrymen?"

Assistant Attorney General Harrison said: "A great many people believe that greatness comes with putting on fine clothes. Kappa is trying to correct this mistake. It is what we have in us, not what we put on, that counts. The program of the fraternity is service at all times. The Kappa men must be torch bearers and carry the light of civilization to our own group. The fraternity must encourage the undergraduate."

Not only was there achievement, but the motto of every Kappa man, "LET JOY ABOUND," was fully realized in the many brilliant social affairs given by the charming ladies of the East in honor of the delegates. On Sunday evening, December 27, an acquaintance meeting was held at Madame Walker's studio. The annual reception was held on Monday evening at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, presenting a view of the most charming and well-groomed men and women of the Negro race. The annual banquet was held Tuesday evening at the City College Club and a genuine good time ensued. The annual prom took place at the International House on Riverside Drive on Wednesday evening.

The command is FORWARD IN ACHIEVEMENT, looking forward to a greater and grander convention at Washington, D. C., December 25, 1926.

Founder Of Poro College Talks To Sorority Women At Conclave

Honorary Member of Zeta Phi Beta Delivers Address at Annual Meeting on Problems of "Finer Womanhood."

(By the Associated Negro Press)

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 29.—The address delivered by Mrs. Annie M. Malone, founder of Poro College, St. Louis, Mo., before the Sixth Annual Convention of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, has caused much comment throughout college circles.

Speaking on the "Finer Womanhood," Mrs. Malone, who is an honorary member of the sorority, pointed out to the group of college women from all parts of the country just what was meant by finer womanhood or real womanhood and how it could be attained. The speaker stressed the importance of self-efficiency and altruism and of concentrating on planning and doing worthwhile things, declaring that no dream, no matter how beautiful, meant nothing to the world unless realized; no plan, no matter how ambitious and rife with benefit to humanity meant nothing unless executed.

In addition to delivering the principal address, Mrs. Malone was a moving force in the convention, offering helpful suggestions frequently and advising the young women how best to conduct business enterprises efficiently and successfully.

The following officers were elected at the close of the convention:

S. Evelyn Lewis, president, Washington, D. C.; Edythe R. Green, first vice-president, Philadelphia; Graddie Hill, second vice-president, Wiley, Texas; Corrinne Osborne, recording secretary, Nashville, Tenn.; Marietta Buford, corresponding secretary, Wiley, Texas; Lucille Jackson Wilson, treasurer, Washington, D. C.; Venetia Nichols, financial secretary, Atlanta, Ga.; Editor of X. Ray, Winona Harvey, New York City; Emma L. Askew, publicity agent, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Annie Malone, president ex-officio; Mrs. Alice Carey, president ex-officio.

Noted Business Woman, Founder of Poro Work, Speaks at Greek Meet

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MRS. ANNA M. MALONE

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Melva Price Named As Teacher Of Latin In Wadleigh High School

Miss Melva Price of 112 West 129th street, has been appointed teacher of Latin in Wadleigh High School, and will assume her duties the first of February.

Miss Price made a brilliant record in Hunter College, from which she graduated, winning the Phi Beta Kappa key. She is one of the most active and influential members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

In the examination for License No. 1, elementary schools, New York Board of Education, Miss Price stood at the head of the list of those who were successful, attaining a percentage of 96, a most unusual standing.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHAS HOLD FINE SESSION

Annual Meet Was Best in History

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—The boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Dec. 28-31, was the most successful in the history of the Greek letter society. The meeting was very unique in that 18 years ago the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was founded at Howard university and this year's meeting served as a home - coming. The university authorities were not sparing in the courtesies extended the sorority. The huge electrical sign in a prominent portion of the ellipse bore the inscription, "Welcome home, Alpha Kappa Alpha." The whole center campus was electrically lighted in Christmas colors and in the middle of this was a huge electrically lighted Christmas tree.

Mrs. Puryear

Prominent features of the session were the presentation of the parchment of the Sorbonne to Soror Dr. Anna Jones Cooper, a pilgrimage to the Unknown Soldier's tomb, upon which a wreath was placed, and the placing of wreaths upon the graves of Colonel Young and Major Walker. There was a sight-seeing tour of the city and pilgrimage to Mt. Vernon. The cars for these features were loaned and driven by prominent men of the District, most of whom were Alpha Phi Alpha men.

Local branches of the various sororities and fraternities vied with one another in extending courtesies to the sorority in session. Delta Sigma Theta sorority, the local undergraduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi fraternities and Dean Slowe held receptions. At the public meeting held, greetings of welcome were brought from all the local chapters and sororities and fraternities and splendid addresses were heard from Dean Kelly Miller of Howard university, Dr. Alain Locke and Mrs. Coralie Franklin Cooke.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority has over two thousand members distributed among 49 chapters. Eleven of these chapters are new ones. Twenty-nine of the chapters were represented at the boule. The number of delegats and visitors in attendance was 150. Over four thousand dollars in national and local scholarships were reported during year. A foreign scholarship of $1,000 has been announced as being available for the year 1926. The proposition to dedicate a national shrine with headquarters at Washington, D. C., was discussed and approved by the boule program committee, Soror Edna M. Colson, Delta Omega chapter, chairman.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI ELECTS MEMBERS FOR BIG BOULE

The Kappa Alphia Psi, nation-wide fraternity, has been particularly active hereabouts during the past week. It is said that great preparations are in embryo for the Boule of the fraternity to be held in this city during the next Christmas holidays. Secretaries in the movement for reception of the convention are Mortimer A. Harris, Maurice C. Clifford and George E. C. Hayes.

"Somewhere in the Southwest," a few days ago, blindfolded a number of business and professional men were taken to the big initiation which has since been the talk of the town. This initiation was followed by a banquet at the residence of Mrs. Effie Pettis, 1845 Vernon Place, which lasted until 7 o'clock in the morning.

The initiates included Dr. George W. Adams, Dr. George Herriot, Maj. O. J. W. Scott, Wolsey W. Hall, Dr. Vincent Thomas, Joseph W. Settles, Robert W. Evans, Dr. Benjamin Hunton, Dr. A. B. McKinney, Roy W. Tibbs, John Gainey and George E. C. Hayes.

Greek Letter Sororities Show Rapid Development

Chapters Grow In Membership And Activities Including Many Practical Projects

The Letter Societies among college women throughout the country have shown wide development during the last few years.

All of the Sororities are developing definite programs which include such activities as raising scholarship funds for emphasizing womanhood and vocational guidance.

A. K. A. Sorority

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the first sorority among colored women, was organized at Howard University in 1908 and was incorporated in 1913. Since that time, it has grown rapidly and now 52 graduate and undergraduate chapters with a membership of over 2,000 women, banded together for the betterment of our race morally, physically and intellectually.

For the past three years it has been sponsoring as a part of its national program a Vocational Guidance Week and is offering a Foreign Scholarship as a reward for exceptional ability in art or literature.

The local graduate chapter, Epsilon Omega, was organized in 1919 and in addition to carrying out the National program has been active in community activities, as the N. A. A. C. P., Civic League, Negro Health Week, etc.

Each year it has given a scholarship to a graduate of Douglass High School, and has also brought to Baltimore some of the best musical and dramatic talent in the race.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded at Howard University in 1915. It now has 34 chapters throughout the States. It held its 8th annual meeting at Des Moines, Ia. The Sorority has a loan fund for its members and a scholarship fund available for all college girls. Both funds are in active operation and a scholarship has been awarded to a student in the University of Pennsylvania this year.

The graduate chapter of New York City awarded its first foreign scholarship to Miss Gwendolyn Bennett who is studying painting in Paris. Miss Dorothy Pelham is National President.

The local chapter, Epsilon-Beta is serving as big sister to a little girl recommended by Miss Fields.

On May 1st, the Mother-Daughter luncheon will be held at the Y. M. C. A. building. Mrs. Mary Church Terrell will deliver the address.

Zeta Phi Beta

In the fall of 1925, young women at Howard University assisted by the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, organized the Zeta Phi Beta Sorroity.

The following December their first conclave was held with the representation of three of their four chapters. Since that time they have acquired fifteen chapters, most of which are in the east, and have an enrollment of 300 members.

The Zeta week celebrated formerly has become Finer Womanhood Week.

GUIDE RIGHT OBSERVANCE

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity In Nation Wide Program April 18-25, To Aid High School Graduates

Close to half-hundred chapters of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity scattered throughout the country will observe Guide Right Week April 18-25. The purpose of the movement is to assist young men in selecting the course best suited to them, and to encourage and help them to outline a program of education which will prepare them for their life's work.

The local St. Louis alumni chapter of the fraternity has planned a program for the observance of Guide Right Week. Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock a public meeting will be held at St. Paul A. M. E. Church. Prominent speakers will be on the program, and the boys themselves will take an active part.

Tuesday night a conference will be held at which speakers representing various trades and profession will seek to give the young men an idea as to what their occupations offer them.

On Friday night the young men will meet with the local chapter at its regular quarterly luncheon.

The general plans for Guide Right Week are under the direction of the Guide Right Commission, of which B. K. Armstrong, Kansas City, Mo., is president and Wm. Perry, Jr., of Louisville Ky., is secretary.

Dr. Allen Locke To Address Meeting

In celebration of "Bigger and Better Business Week" amnog the colored people the local chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will hold a mass meeting Sunday, April 18th at 3:30 P. M., in the Masonic auditorium.

They have been very fortunate in securing as the speakers for the occasion, Dr. Allen Locke, A.B. M.A., Ph.D., etc., graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard University and Oxford.

Dr. Locke is the only Rhodes Scholar among colored people and is, without question one of the best educated colored men living. He is an author of world-wide reputation and has the distinguished honor of having been the only colored person present at the opening of "King Tut's" tomb.

The public is invited to be present and hear Dr. Locke's message which is sure to be inspiring.

The president of the fraternity, Dr. F. C. Hilliard, and his fellow Greeks are doing all within their power to make the affair a memorable one.

HONOR SOCIETY AT HOWARD U.

Kappa Pi Fraternity Founded. Will Be Open To Junior And Senior Medical Students Of School

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28.—Sponsored by fifteen members of the senior medical class at Howard University, the Kappi Pi Honorary Medical society was organized Saturday night at Harrison's, under leadership of J. J. Goldsberry. Memberships were opened to all junior and senior medical students, men and women, of high scholastic and class standing.

Dean E. A. Balloch, Dr. W. A. Warfield and Dr. E. C. Terry were named as faculty honorary members. The charter members are: J. J. Goldsberry president; P. H. Higginbothan, vice president; Coburn E. Walden, secretary; Wendell Freeman, treasurer; H. Rowland Fuhrange, corresponding secretary; Walter A. Adams, Edward H. Ballard, Harry D. Haroer, Clarence Q. Pair, De Norval Unthank, E. Henry Allen, Jr., George M. Brown, G. Frazier Miller, I. Ezra Turner and W. Morris Wright.

Membership from the senior class: Felix A. Anderson, George H. Batson,

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Alpha Phi Alpha to Present Eminent Speaker Sunday

The local chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha will open their seventh annual "Go to High School—Go to College" campaign on Sunday with an address at the First Congregational Church by Dr. Julian H. Lewis, Assistant Professor of Pathology in Chicago University. Dr. Lewis comes eminently fitted for the task of urging parents to send their children to school, not only because of his own notable achievements but likewise because of his ability as a forceful speaker. He received the degrees of A.B. and A.M. from the University of Illinois in 1911 and 1912 respectively. He received the degree of PhD. from the University of Chicago in 1915. Mr. Lewis was awarded a fellowship from the University of Chicago in 1913, 14 and 15, and was awarded the Howard Rickets Research Prize of $250.00 for the most thorough and original research work by any candidate for the degree of PhD. His degree of Doctor of Medicine was received in 1917 from Rush Medical College of the University of Chicago. Since 1917, he has been Assistant Professor of Pathology in the University of Chicago. Last month the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, which was established last year by former Senator John Simon Guggenheim and endowed to the extent of three million dollars appointed Dr. Lewis to study the fundamental nature of immunity phenomena, continuing along lines lines in which he has already achieved notable reputation.

In addition Dr. Lewis is Pathologist of the Provident Hospital of Chicago, Director of the Douglast National Bank, Victory Life Insurance Company and Medical Director of the latter institution.

Every parent will be interested in the appeal of Dr. Lewis, and should be present. Every boy and girl should hear this message urging that they take advantage of the fullest educational opportunity within their reach. The program which will begin at 8 o'clock, will open with an organ symposium of the famous college songs and hymns of this country, including the Alma Mater of Yale, Harvard, Howard, Lincoln, all of the universities and colleges of Atlanta and others.

In connection with the campaign in this state the fraternity has just issued a booklet entitled "Go to College—Why and How." The first part of the booklet emphasizes the advantages of industrial, high school and college education in terms of dollars and cents and the latter part points out the many ways a young man or woman of limited means can go through college and the cost of a college education in the leading American colleges. Statistics recently compiled by the Union Central Life Insurance Company show that of the 1,600 children who enter grade schools, but 27 graduates from college and only 51 per cent of the high school graduates of the country enter college. Lack of funds is the reason in the majority of cases. All parents who hold the interest of their children truly at heart, should secure a copy of this booklet on "Go to College—Why and How?"

The booklets and any advice relative to going to college may be secured from Mr. J. Garland Wood, 146 Butler Street, the state director; Prof. W. G. Dixon, of Cuyler Street High School, Savannah; Dr. Percival Harris, Samaritan building, Athens, Ga.; Mr. Forrest A. Maddox, G. N. & A. college, Albany; Mr. C. W. Sellers, Macon; Mr. L. D. Perry, of Athens, and Mr. John E. Cade, of Augusta.

The San Souci Social Club met at the residence of Mr. Ester Hunter, 182 E. Ellis Street, April 30. The meeting was very inspiring. The club is looking forward to the second anniversary in June. The next meeting will be held May 7.

MISS L. B. LOMAX, Rep.
MRS. W. A. WATSON, Pres.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Awards First Two Scholarships

Daughter of William Pickens and Elizabeth Beine Maintained High Standing in Wadleigh

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, through Tau Omega and Lambda chapters, has awarded its first scholarships to Miss Harriet I. Pickens and Miss Elizabeth Beine. These scholarships of $150 each were raised by the sorority at its annual Election Day dances at the Renaissance Casino. The third dance, for the same purpose, will be given Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 2, at the same place.

Miss Pickens, a 1926 graduate of **Wadleigh High School** and a holder of a scholarship at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., is to begin her studies on Sept. 27. She plans to major in chemistry with the hope of studying medicine later on. She is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Pickens of 260 West 139th street.

Miss Elizabeth Beine, the only daughter of Mrs. Golden Beine of 269 West 153d street, is also a graduate of Wadleigh High School. At the age of 16 she is to enter Hunter College with the hope of majoring in Latin and teaching it later on.

Miss Beine has lived in New York only three years, having come here from Columbus, Ohio, immediately after her father's death. Her mother is a social service worker.

"These scholarships were awarded for the high scholastic averages maintained by these girls during the four years of their high school training," says Miss Isa Gittens, of 2403 Seventh avenue, president of the graduate chapter of the sorority.

Harriet I. Pickens

Win Scholarships

Elizabeth Beine

Phi Beta Sigma Conclave At A. & T.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 9.—Plans for the thirteenth Annua Conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, which will be held at the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, N. C. were made at a meeting of the general officers of the fraternity at Washington, D. C., on November 3 and 4.

The annual meeting will begin on Sunday, December 26, and will continue through December 27, 28 and 29.

Those who attended the conference were Arthur W. Mitchell, president; J. W. Lewis, Howard University, field secretary; Thomas H Reid, Norfolk, Va., secretary-treasurer, and B. I. Cofer, Albany, Ga. editor of the Crescent, the officia Organ of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

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Mr. Mitchell acted as host to the other members of the conference. He entertained them at a dinner Saturday and took them on a sight-seeing tour of the city.

While the conference was going on in Washington, the members of Eta Chapter were busy carrying out some of the plans for the Conclave in order that they may be ready to entertain what is hoped to be the greatest Conclave of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

The Eta Chapter has 24 members. At the last initiation the following men were taken into the fraternity: J. F. Lane, A. Gordon, Maceo Patterson, C. E. Hester, J. L. Givens and C. E. Bennett.

The officers of Eta Chapter are J. J. Miller, president; P. R. Brown, vice president; C. Malachi Bell, recording secretary; H. B. Candler, corresponding secretary; J. C. McCormick, treasurer.

In Greensboro, N. C., we also have a graduate chapter, Gamma Beta. The officers are: G. H. Mitchell, president; S. M. Broderick, vice president; W. H. Markham, secretary-treasurer; G. B. Love, corresponding secretary.

Other chapters in the state are: Iota, Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., R. B. Fleming, president.

Upsilon, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.: J. J. Williams, president; Delta Sigma, Winston-Salem, N. C., H. W. Hall, president; Eta Sigma, Raleigh, N. C., J. McCauley, president.

The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity has 51 chapters in all sections of the country. It has a membership of approximately 2,000.

Eta Chapter will be prepared to entertain and accommodate as many as will come.

IN UNIVERITY FRAT

COLORED GIRL STUDENT IN N. Y. PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL ELECTED ON SCHOLARSHIP—SHOWS WISDOM OF MIXED INSTITUTIONS FOR RESPECT

New York, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1926.—Miss Thelma E. Berlack, a senior in the School of Accounts and Finance of New York University, has the honor of being the first Colored student to be elected a member of the Delta Mu Delta Fraternity of that institution. Election to this fraternity is based on scholarship and the vote of the faculty.

Miss Berlack was elected on November 17, and will attend the annual banquet at Hotel McAlpin on December 11.

She is the daughter of Mrs. N. L Barnes of 204 West 143rd street.

OFFICERS OF SIGMA PLAN FOR CONCLAVE

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COLORED GIRLS STAND FIRST IN UNIVERSITY LIST

A. K. A.'s Go From Bottom to Top of University of Minnesota's Sorority List.

Alpha's Make 'C' Grade

Omega Trails; Dean Nicholson Praises Excellent Work of Local Co-eds.

Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, colored undergradute Greek letter organization at the University of Minnesota, had the highest scholastic average during the past school year of any of the 21 such organizations on the campus, according to a report issued last Monday by E. E. Nicholson, dean of student affairs.

Last year the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority was the only sorority on the campus which failed to make a "C" average. This year it stands well above its nearest competitor for first scholastic honors with an average of 1.512. Delta Dalta Delta, which stands next on the scholastic list had the appreciably lower average of 1.471.

Dean Praises Work

The scholastic feat of the Alpha Kappa Alpha, in going from 21st to first place in a year was characterized by Dean Nicholson as one of the most remarkable achievements of the year.

Only one of the two recognized colored fraternities on the campus failed to make a "C" average. The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, which had a grade of .999 24, was officially recognized by Dean Nicholson as having attained a "C" average. In reporting the fraternity as being below grade, the daily papers made a serious error.

Omega Fails

The Omega Psi Phi fraternity was the only one of the three organizations which failed to lift itself sufficiently to attain the desired average. Last year it occupied 36th place on the scholastic roll, and this year it took 34th place, but the rise was not enough to put it in the "C" average group.

Speaking of the national honor which the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority had attained in sweeping the field of its white scholastic competitors, Miss Helen Jackson, president of the organization, said, "Naturally we are proud of the work we have done, and while we make no promises, we are going to work just as conscientiously next year. Dean Nicholson expressed our sentiment completely when, in offering his congratulations, he said, 'I'm mighty pleased.' "

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ARTHUR MITCHELL PHI BETA SIGMA HEAD IN SOUTH

Arthur W. Mitchell, national president of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, and one of the outstanding men of Washington, has just returned from a trip through Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio. While on this trip, Mr. Mitchell visited many of the chapters of the fraternity. He

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reports a wonderful visit and is much pleased with the spirit and growth of the fraternity. He speaks most highly of the chapter at A. & T. College, Grensboro, N. C., where the Conclave will be held next December. While in Atlanta, Mr. Mitchell addressed the three chapters in a joint meeting, and spoke to the student body at Morris Brown College. In Birmingham, he visited the graduate chapter and addressed the under-graduate chapter at Miles Memorial College. He spoke to the student body at Tuskegee Institute, Sunday evening, March 28, and was banquetted by Gamma Sigma at the palatial home of Professor and Mrs. R. R. Taylor. While in Nashville, Mr. Mitchell visited the chapters at Meharry Medical College, and Roger Williams University. These chapters, together with the sorority in Nashville had a joint meeting and banquet for Mr. Mitchell at Morris Memorial Building. The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity is becoming one of the most outstanding college fraternities in the country. Mr. Mitchell has been instrumental in purchasing for the local chapters in Washington, a beautiful home, located at 1922 Thirteenth street northwest. We congratulate the fraternity in the acusation of this wonderful home.

Good Shepherds Order Moves Headquarters To Birmingham

The United Order of Good Shepherds, a fraternal institution of some twenty years standing, moved its headquarters from Montgomery, Ala., to Birmingham, and is located at 611 South 15th Street, with Mr. G. W. Chandler as Supreme President in charge.

The organization had its formal opening Thursday night when an interesting program was rendered. Prominent men and women from the various walks of life appeared on the program in addresses, songs and essays. At the opening Mr. Walter Morris was master of ceremonies and short addresses were delivered by Mrs. S. M. Collins, who read complimentary letters and Mr. B. C. Coleman, Mrs. Georgia Charley, Mrs. Jeyonia Clarke. Dr. J. W. Goodgame, of the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, delivered the welcome address. The response was made by Rev. E. W. Cook, manager of the Shepherds Home at Shepherdsville, Alabama. Bishop R. T. Brown, Dr. E. W. Taggart, Prof. G. A. Payne, Dr. J. R. Robinson and Mr. H. Strawbridge delivered short addresses, in welcoming the organization to the city and pledging their support and cooperation. Oscar W. Adams was announced to deliver a special address for the occasion and he spoke of the power of fraternal institutions in race development, showing the marked advancement made by the United Order of Good Shepherds under the leadership of G. W. Chandler.

Supreme President Chandler addressed the meeting on the work of the institution and explained the wonderful work being done by the nine thousand members in Alabama and other jurisdictions. He emphasized the work being done at Shepherdsville and told of the forty-five families who are operating the farm lands of that place.

National President Phi Beta Sigma Frat Visits Atlanta

Col. A. W. Mitchell of Washington, D. C., the general President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, while making an extended tour, stopped over to visit the three Chapters of the Fraternity located here.

On Sunday afternoon, Col. Mitchell addressed the members of the Fraternity at the Y. M. C. A., after which a delightful dinner was served at the James Hotel. On Sunday evening a luncheon was tendered Col Mitchell at the home of Mr. V. P. Holliday.

Col. Mitchell addressed the student body of Morris Brown University on Monday morning. The rest of the day was spent in visiting other points of interest throughout the city. On Monday evening an all-Sigma Smoker was given in honor of Col. Mitchell at the residence of Mr. G. R. Higginbotham.

He left the city Monday evening to visit his relatives at Birmingham, Alabama.

During his stay Col. Mitchell was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. E. Linder.

Phi Beta Sigma Starts Bigger and Better Business Week

The first meeting in connection with the work they have set out to do takes place at Asbury M. E. Church on Sunday afternoon, April 18. A good live program is promised.

In concurrence with the national movement of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, for Bigger and Better Business, the Alpha Chapter begins preparations for the campaign here in Washington.

The young men seem to be earnestly interested in the project and have been conducting a serious investigation into all phases of business.

Realizing the fact that the success of the country and of the world at lrage, depends to a large extent upon the degree of thoroughness with which business is organized and transacted, this movement is designed to contribute towards that success by placnig special emphasis upon the need for bigger and better business.

KAPPA LEADS FRATS IN U. OF C. DRIVE

The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity led the way in the University of Chicago's recent development campaign, exceeding all [illegible] letter fraternities and clubs among the alumni body in the percentage of alumni subscribing. Kappa enrolled 70 per cent of its alumni on the university's subscription list. The nearest white organization, the well-known Elks, had but 66.5 per cent on which to base their claim for second place. The Esoteric, which led the clubs, had only 55 per cent.

The Kappa record was made under Dr. Spencer C. Dickerson, former University of Chicago track athlete and present member of the faculty of the Rush Medical college of the university. It is set forth in detail in the "Victory" issue of the University of Chicago News Letter.

Delta Sigma Theta Holds Conference

The Eastern Regional Conference of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was held in Washington on April 2nd and 3rd. The meetings were held on Howard University campus with delegates in attendance from Boston, Pittsburg, New York City, Syracuse, and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Among the representatives present were Miss [illegible] Pollard, national president; Misses Dorothy Newton of Boston; Elestine Smith and Louise Drake of Philadelphia; Pauline Young of Wilmington; Eulalia Lane of New York City; Gussie Emanuel of Syracuse; Martha Hill of Pittsburg; Thelma Garland and Ruth Demond of Baltimore; Mrs. Sadie M. Alexander of Philadelphia.

Miss Isadore Williams was elected director of the Regional Council; and Miss Gussie Emanuel of Syracuse University, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Anna Thompson is chairman of the committee on regional conferences.

Twentieth Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Organized

Richmond, Va.—A new epoch in the social, cultural, educational, and racial uplift development of Richmond, Virginia, was opened May 1, 1926, when Miss S. Evelyn Lewis, National President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority organized an undergraduate chapter known as Nu Chapter of this Greek letter sisterhood. The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is the only recognized Greek letter sorority directly affiliated with Greek letter fraternities.

The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity with which it is allied has accomplished outstanding work in many fields of endeavor as has been evidenced by the invaluable services rendered by distinguished members of its personnel prominent among whom are: Mr. Jas. Weldon Johnson; Prof. Alain Locke; Attorney A. M. Mitchell and the late Judge Terrell.

In keeping with the true Sigma spirit, Lambda Chapter of Virginia Union University gave Nu Chapter a hearty welcome at a joint meeting Wednesday, May 19, at 410 East Clay street. On behalf of Nu Chapter the president

responded to the hearty welcome accorded them by the "brothers."

Lambda Chapter numbers in its membership the greater portion of the outstanding business and professional men in every field of Richmond's bubbling racial activity.

The officers and members of Nu Chapter are: Lillian Jackson Willis, president; Irma B. Denny, vice president; Cornelia Churchill Horsley, scribe; Sarah Gwendolyn Fields, assistant scribe; Lillian Lucile Peters, treasurer; Inez Marian Cogbill, marshal; Clara Margaret Wilson, custodian; Antionette Bowler Mosby, editor.

At the first stated meeting of Nu Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Mesdames Maggie L. Walker the outstanding pioneer, successful business and fraternal woman of the race; and Margaret R. Johnson prominent in religious and educational circles were elected to honorary membership.

Delta Sigma Theta Observes May Week

Unique Program For Local High School Girls

Friday, May 14, at the 137th street branch Y. W. C. A., Alpha Sigma Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta, will entertain high school girls of New York and Jersey.

The New York Age 5-15-26

The evening's program will consist of a basketball game between Jersey City girls and 137th street girls and an informal discussion to be led by Mrs. Shelton Bishop. Songs also will play a part in the evenings event.

New York, N.Y.

In this educational service there is a definite attempt to cooperate with high school girls in their effort in finding "What Life's About." To meet the girls on their own ground, to discover their problems and to seek their opinion of how they can best be helped is the particular job in New York.

Officers of Alpha Sigma Chapter are Miss Mabel Byrd, president; Miss Enid Thorpe, vice president; Miss Vivian Roberts, recording secretary; Mrs. Anne Dingle, treasurer; Miss Dorothy Hendrickson, corresponding secretary.

SORORITY HELPS GIRLS PICK WORK

A. K. A. Observes National Vocational Guidance Celebration

Young girls of high school and college age in every large population center in the country during the week of May 16 to 23 will be brought under the influence of one of the most interesting movements for Race advance that has ever been inaugurated by the youth of our group—the vocational guidance movement of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. Realizing that too large a proportion of our youth power is going to waste for lack of proper guidance in picking a life work the A. K. A. girls have united in a helping hand program. A week has been set aside by these collegians for aiding younger girls to find themselves and choose the careers into which they will best fit.

Not only will free advice as to vocations be given, but in many of the sorority's chapter seats the programs will be enlarged to include even the granting of scholarship awards that will make it possible for the girls to prepare for the careers selected. In the case of the Beta chapter in Chicago substantial financial aid is being given to girls brought under its care and Beta chapter is winding up its celebration of vocational guidance week with a sorority play Saturday evening, May 22, to help along its scholarship plans.

Program of Service

Vocational guidance week is an annual affair with Alpha Kappa Alpha. It forms a significant part of the sorority's broad program of service. In order to assist the coming generation of college youth to even greater achievement than is being made by the present day graduates the sorority has pledged itself to bend every effort toward eliminating the wasted energy that goes with blundering into wrong careers and into occupations where the girl finds herself a misfit.

Employing the very same methods that are being used by the largest universities, the sorority is bringing ambitious school girls into contact with those older girls and young women who can best advise them and encourage them. The girls' entire training and background are carefully studies in an effort to pick the exact channel for her greatest usefulness.

Give Scholarship Aid

Not content with that section of the program, Chicago's chapter of A. K. A. is endeavoring to iron out the financial problems of the girls it meets by making possible liberal scholarship awards. This Beta chapter, which is the second of the 50 branches of A. K. A. that have been set up since the establishment of the sorority at Howard university in 1908, maintains a scholarship for high school graduates who distinguish themselves by meritorious work and also a loan fund for college girls who need money aid. Since the founding of the chapter in 1913 it has been able to bring several girls from high school into college.

'FRAT' PRESIDENT TELLS PLANS OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA

Dr. R. W. Cannon Gives Line Of Work Fraternity Chiefs Will Sponsor

Announcement has just been made by Raymond W. Cannon, General President of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, designating and proclaiming the week of May 10 to 16 as the time for the operation of the Seventh Annual Go-to-High School, Go-to-College movement. This announcement had been keenly awaited by the members of the various chapters of the fraternity who have been working zealously on plans to make this the most intensive campaign that has ever been held.

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The scope and origin of this movement can be obtained from a presentation of the views of the general president, also the director of the Go-to-High School, Go-to-College campaign. He says in part:

Importance of Fraternaties

"Greek letter fraternities among college men are recognized as distinct American institutions, originally created by Americans to satisfy the needs of Americans. Therefore, we, as Americans, must have our fraternities to satisfy those needs which only fraternities can satisfy. Fraternities have become such a factor in college life that they are now recognized as a part of the educational institutions in most instances. Certainly they constitute a part of the student's college life. They seem inseparable from the institutions recognizing them."

The president reviews surveys made by members of the Alpha Phi Alpha that revealed a surprisingly small number of colored students in the mixed schools of the larger cities and especially the larger universities of the country. A committee delegated to seek the cause and remedy, in a few moments reported to the body the idea of the present drive.

Plans for This Year

In announcing plans for the campaign of this year, Dr. Cannon said:

"State campaign managers will work under the direction of the national director and assign speakers to cover the small communities in their states. They will secure the co-operation of the ministers in their territory and will look to the press to help in this movement so significant to our people. The rural communities will be invaded, literature distributed, oratorical and essay contests held, and other unique methods employed to extend the idea of the movement far and wide. Wherever meetings are announced, it is hoped that all citizens will co-operate to see that they are largely attended by the youth and by their parents.

PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY FORMAL OPENING OF LUXURIOUS MANSION

The Intelligencia of Nashville had the pleasure on Turkey day Nashville Tenn. of one of the most unique affairs given in the history of college fraternities in the city. The affair was unique in that it was the formal opening of the finest fraternity house among Negro college men. It was foremost among the social activities of the day, and was given by the Kappa chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. The Sigma Mansion which was recently purchased for $20,000 was ready for inspection at 2:00 p. m. The rooms and halls were beautifully decorated in the fraternity colors (Blue and White). From the time visitors were permitted until the orchestra played "good night, good night," the hosts were busy showing eager observers through the house.

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The public was admitted until 9:00 p. m., after which the members of the fraternity and honored guests tripped on a light fantastic toe, to the melodies played by Joe T. Thomas and his orchestra. Dancing was enjoyed on the first and second floors and the dancers were refreshed with punch the entire evening. While the sweet music floated and chimed through the spacious halls, the cream of the race enjoyed the hospitality of Kappa chapter.

Representatives from the local chapters of all the other fraternities and sororities were present, and also the local colleges. Guests were present from as far West as Chicago, East as far as New York and as far South as Atlanta.

Prominent among the out of town guests were Misses Margaret Morgan Emelyne L. Shaw, C. Caraway of Chicago; Miss Fritz Sealy of Philadelphia; Miss Annabel Kent of Knoxville and others. Every one present went home praising Sigma for the wonderful evening they had spent when the orchestra played "good night, good night" at one a. m, the register showed that over 900 guests had been present.

PHI BETA MEN DEDICATE HOME AT NASHVILLE

Reception Draws 1,500 From All Around

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 3.—Nashville on Thanksgiving day witnessed the formal opening of the fine fraternity home of Kappa Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

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The "Sigma mansion" was recently purchased at a cost of $20,000. It was a mansion of southern aristocracy and is situated in an exclusive settlement, just two blocks from Meharry Medical college. It has three floors and a basement and is one of the largest homes in the city.

Promptly at 2 p. m. the home was thrown open to visitors for inspection. The parlors, living room and halls were beautifully decorated in the fraternity colors, blue and white. From the time visitors were admitted until the orchestra played "Good Night, Good Night" the hosts were busy showing eager observers through the house.

Chicago Defender

The general public was permitted until 9 p. m., after which the members of the fraternity and their honored guests tripped the light fantastic toe to strains by Joe Thomas and His Seven Spots. Dancing was enjoyed on both the first and second floors, while in the respective rooms games of whist and "500" were in progress. Punch and cake were served during the entire evening. In addition each person present was presented with a souvenir which contained a picture of the house, the schedule of the inter-fraternal basketball league and important events in the fraternal calendar. Representatives from the local chapters of all the other college fraternities and sororities and the leading citizens were present. Guests were registered from as far east as New York City, as far west as Chicago, and as far south as Atlanta. Prominent among the out-of-town guests were Misses Margaret Morgan and Emilyne L. Shaw of Chicago; Mrs. Fritz Sealy of Philadelphia; Miss Inez M. Boyd of Selma, Ala.; Dr. and Mrs. Brown of Cleveland, Ohio; Miss Annabel Kent of Chicago and Miss Cecil Berry of Indianapolis, Ind. Fifteen hundred guests attended. The faculty and student body of Fisk university, State Normal, Roger William university and Waldon college were represented. Also the staffs of Hubbard hospital, Hale hospital and nurses.

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NATIONAL NEGRO ACHIEVEMENT WEEK.

Working in conjunction with the Nu Phi chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, local organization of which Brother H. P. Carter is the basileus, The Informer is delighted to dedicate this issue as "National Negro Achievement Week" edition; and we take this occasion to express our deep sense of appreciation to Brothers Carter, Barclay, Ryan, Stocks and others of the local chapter, as well as those who are neither members of the local chapter nor of the colored group, for the part all of them have played in making possible this edition.

Houston Informer 11-13-26

In keeping with the four cardinal principles of Omega—manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift—the supreme council of the fraternity has written into the basic laws that a certain time shall be set aside each year to conduct educational campaigns in the various communities for the study of Negro history and literature, and to inspire the youths of the race along nobler, higher and more ennobling lines; for where the people have no vision and receive no inspiration, they perish, and great is their fall!

Hemmed in and circumscribed as we are in this country, with all text-books and literature coming from the pens and brains of members of other races, and with a perennial doctrine being promulgated about the "inferiority complex" of the colored American, our racial contingent needs to conduct campaigns to give our people a different view of themselves and to assist them in knowing more about themselves; for one of the earth's greatest philosophers became immortal by his doctrine of "know thyself," and the Holy Writ teaches that a man is as he thinks.

As long as the Negro race can be lulled to sleep by the siren chant of "racial inferiority" of its group, and the "racial superiority" of other groups, our race can make very little headway and progress along educational, moral, cultural, commercial, civic and religious lines; for no man or race can accomplish much for his or its own betterment with nothing within him or it to inspire and fire him or it.

It is said that the educational system of Japan includes a graveyard course once per annum, at which time the students in the schools of Japan are conducted to the cemeteries, and there given much inspiration by reading the epitaphs on the tombstones of the illustrious dead of their race, and catching inspiration, as it were, from the spirits of the departed.

With this inspiration and spirit, the Japanese youth are imbued with an intangible and invisible asset that fires and equips them for greater service to their race and nation, and that causes them to take undue pride in their race, their forbears and the contributions made by these illustrious sires who now rest from their labors, but whose works live long after their bodies have decomposed and returned to Mother Earth.

As a racial group, we do not know enough about the good traits, fine points and wonderful achievements of our own race; for we daily read and hear so much about our race of a discreditable and derogatory nature that we are practically obsessed with an "inferiority complex," and we too often agree readily with those who preach that the black man was divinely ordained to serve in the role of hewer of wood and drawer of water.

This doctrine is very fallacious, but it seems to have had the desired effect upon too many members of our race, and National Negro Achievement Week is being sponsored to more fully acquaint us with our own history, and to afford us an opportunity to read first-hand some of the literature produced by men and women of our own race, and to learn something about the laudable and far-reaching contributions outstanding Negroes have made to the civilization of America and the world.

Therefore, National Negro Achievement Week is both inspirational, informational and instructional; and The Informer is not only pleased to co-operate with the local and national bodies of Omega Psi Phi fraternity in disseminating the information and suggesting the observance of this occasion, but this paper also hopes that this week will be fittingly observed in all parts of the country with appropriate programs, and from this small seed will germinate and grow a mighty plant under whose branches not only our own racial group, but other racial groups will find shelter, succor and protection from the parching rays of ignorance, superstition, bigotry, intolerance and prejudice. "So mote it be!"

OMEGA PHI PSI PLANS PROGRAM TO MARK ACHIEEMENTS TO RACE

Cleveland Call 11-6-26

ATLANTA, Ga. Nov. 2.—The sixty-seven chapter of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity will observe Negro Achievement Week throughout the United States and Canada from November 15 to 21 inclusive. The reason for this observance becomes apparent upon consideration of the fact that though a member theoretically of the greater democracy, the American Negro is practically a subject—not a citizen. And tremendous and all pervading though his contribution has been to the warp and woof of American civilization there is little or no record of this in the recognized best books on American History: Rhodes, McMaster, Muzzey, Wilson, Hart and others of our American historians have either little or nothing dignified to say of the Negro and his accomplishments. Much that is derogatory, however, is recorded: and despite full evidence to the contrary, much literature floods the market propagating weird theories of innate Negro inferiority.

The reason of this atitude is not hard to find. It would seem to be an elementary rule of history that the historian, however impartial he may attempt to be, invariably writes history for his own race only; his nation' glories he magnifies, its vices he palliates, and other peoples' he handles usually severely at a discount, either through prejudices or on account of ignorance of them. And the tragedy is that in the past the American Negro has had no true race historian. The result has been that even the average college graduate is grossly ignorant of the accomplishments of his race, and that, unlike the young people of other groups, our young people have not had any reservoir of solid racial accomplishments on which to draw for inspiration. A tremendous obstacle to race progress.

The purpose of the observance of Negro Achievement week will be to inject racial pride and to stimulate, enrich and direct the innate powers of the Negro youth toward creative effort in literature and art. This purpose will be achieved by the members of the various chapters canvassing the local schools and each day of the week presauding a different phase of the Negro's achievement, by distributing literature, donating books on the Negro to school libraries, giving pictures of notable Negroes to be hung in class rooms, and by carrying the message to the people in public meetings.

A recent letter to the Normal School and college presidents announces that the fraternity has also inaugurated a National Examination for Normal School and College students in Negro Life and History which examination will be held thruout the country and three cash prizes will be awarded.

PITT'S FRATERNITY STANDINGS PLACE RACE STUDENTS NEAR END

Alphas Stand 18th in List of 22 Fraternities—Alpha Kappa Alphas 14th in List of 19 Sororities — Delta Sigma Thetas Last — Standings Based On Scholastic Achievements.

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By Harry B. Webber

The local chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity stands 18th in the men's list, the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority comes 14th, and the Delta Sigma Theta sorority comes last in the women's list of fraternity standings published in last week's Pitt Weekly, comparing the credits earned, quality points, and quality point averages of all such organizations. The period covered is that of 1925-26, and the date of the chart, Sept. 10, 1926. The publication of these ratings has caused some adverse comment on the part of student circles in the city.

This annual rating of the University of Pittsburgh's social fraternities and sororities, is based on the grades which the students belonging to such organizations receive during the school period covered. The annual report of grades of each member of such bodies is examined with the object of determining whether they are good scholars or not. Grade reports were just issued last week during registration.

In the list of mens' fraternities, Omicron Chapter of Alphia Phi Alpha, comes 18th in a list of 22 fraternities. Students belonging to this fraternity earned 661 credits, secured 477 quality points and received a quality point average of .72. The highest quality point average was received by a white fraternity and amounted to 1.70.

In the list of women's fraternities, Alpha Kappa Alpha received 158 credits, 212 quality points, and a quality average of 1.34. The Delta Sigma Theta sorority earned 61 credits, gained 65 quality points, and had a quality average of 1.03. The highest sorority average received by a white sorority was 2.17. Alpha Kappa Alpha stood 14th in a list of 19 sororities. Delta Sigma Theta stood last on the list.

The conclusion to be drawn from these figures indicates that race fraternal bodies at Pitt maintain an average scholastic standing among their members which is much lower than that of the majority of students belonging to white fraternal bodies at that school.

The Alpha Phi Alpa fraternity, judged from this report, has taken a considerable fall in scholarship compared with former years, according to one of the former presidents of the local chapter. He states that in the school year, 1919-20 this chapter stood third on a similar list, and he commented on the fact that the scholastic merit of the body has deteriorated.

Some unfavorable comment on the justice of this report has been heard among members of the three bodies concerning its fairness. But since the standing is based on the report cards of students, then no unfairness is evident unless the students' classroom marks are unfair.

It is also believed by persons, disinterested in the situation, that the cause of the evident drop in scholarship among the three bodies, is the too prevalent amount of social life, which dominates these bodies. Too little emphasis has been placed in the conduct of such organizations, and, on the necessity and desirability of scholastic merit among their members. On the other hand, it is pointed out that fraternities and sororities have been founded with the idea of social relaxation than intellectualism.

Members of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, ascribe the standing of their group to the fact that at the present time contiual graduation of their members has left but an extremely small number of their members actually on the campus and that their average is based on the three or four students there. As opposed to this is the fact, that the standings are not based on numbers, although such a small number would, by the nature of the calculation have some effect.

On the other hand, there are a large number of Alpha Kappa Alpha members actually on the campus and yet their standing is below the average.

The standings published do not necessarily reflect on the merit of race students at the University compared with whites, but merely compare fraternity members there with members of white fraternities. Further, in these reports the insidious bacilla of race prejudice may usually be assumed to creep in at some point.

The main point to be derived from the rating is that these three bodies make it part of their program to secure higher standings during the current year.

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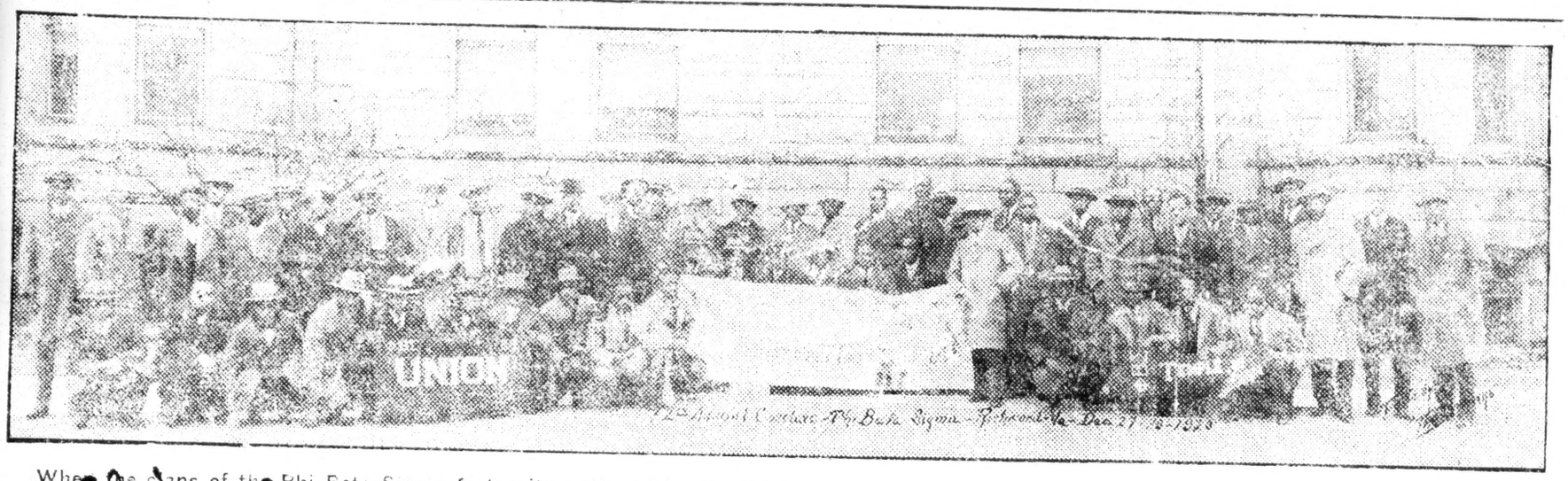
PHI BETA SIGMA GATHERS IN RICHMOND, VA.



When the clans of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity gathered in the capital of Virginia for their annual convention, the social life of Richmond presented its best front to greet them. But the young collegians found time to devote to the serious problems that face the Race today. In addition to voting substantial aid to an "defense fund" for prosecution of legal cases in which the rights of the Race are involved, they resolved to give their fullest support to the promotion of business enterprises. "A firmer and surer economic footing for the year 1926" was one of the by-words of the convention, and ways and means were discussed of "selling" the youth of the country on the value of a business education. Prominent public figures from all sections of the country journeyed to Richmond to attend the convention sessions of their fraternity.

Detroit Conclave Elects Cannon National Head Of Alpha Phi Alpha For Third Consecutive Year

FRATERNITY GIVES MINNEAPOLIS MAN EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Julian H. Lewis, Chicago, Principal Speaker for Entire Convention.

Richmond 1926 Meeting

Johnson, Fields, Represent Minnesota; Former Members of Mu Attend.

Raymond Cannon, Minneapolis, national president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, was re-elected to that office for the third consecutive time at the annual convention in Detroit, December 27-31, 1925.

Besides having spent two terms in office as national president of the organization, Mr. Cannon served twice as Mid-western vice-president and was the first editor of The Sphinx, the quarterly magazine of the fraternity.

As president, Mr. Cannon will automatically be in charge of the National Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College campaign which is sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha.

Officers Re-elected.

Other officers who were elected are: Mr. Manuel of Ohio State, vice-president for the Mid-western district; Dr. Evans, connected with the Standard Life Insurance Co. of St. Louis, general secretary, and Percival Piper, who had charge of the plans for the convention, general treasurer. Mr. Piper is an electrical engineer and is also a student in the Detroit College of Law. Other vice-presidents retained their offices.

Mr. Cannon, who has been signally honored with the third consecutive presidency of the organization, finished grammar and high school in Minneapolis. He attended the academic school of the University of Minnesota and was graduated from the College of Pharmacy. He is now taking a law course at the St. Thomas College of Law.

He is a member of the Boule; was a delegate to the Sanhedrin, is a member of the Douglass club of Minneapolis, and is a member of the National Pharmaceutical Association.

Lewis Speaker.

Dr. Julian H. Lewis, Ph. D., M. D., assistant professor of pathology and member of the Otho S. S. Sprague Memorial Institute in the University of Chicago, was the principal speaker at the convention. Among the many notable men at the convention were Dr. Callas, M. D., and Nathaniel A. Murray, two of the founders of the fraternity.

Representing Minnesota at the meeting, beside Mr. Cannon, were Reginald A. Johnson, delegate from Mu chapter, and Lafayette Fields, junior delegate. Mason Fields, graduate of the University of Minnesota and member of Mu chapter, also attended the convention, but not as a delegate from Minnesota.

The convention of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity in 1926 will be in Richmond, Va.

Officers Are Chosen By Negro Fraternity

The annual election of the Phi Beta Sigma Negro fraternity, held recently, gave offices to A. W. Deyampert, B. H. Price, W. C. Jones, D. W. Watkins, N. O. Calloway, L Idlett and Cal Calhoun, all from two of the leading negro colleges of Atlanta.

Another chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma will be established in 1926 at Morehouse College, to be under the direction of V. P. Holliday, T M. Fuller and E. S. Williams.

OMEGA PSI PHI'S CONVENE AT TUSKEGEE

(By the Associated Negro Press)

Tuskegee, Institute, Ala., Jan. 1.—The Fourteenth Annual Conclave of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity opened here Sunday night with exercises in the Institute Chapel.

Matthew Bullock, former Dartmouth athlete and assistant district attorney of the state of Massachusetts, delivered the principal address. After paying tribute to Booker T. Washington, he commended Mr. Moton for the "wisdom and tact" he has displayed in handling the affairs of the institute and particularly in reference to his contribution of the betterment of race relations in the South.

"From the time that Alonzo Pietro landed with Columbus, we have been doing our part in contributing to America's greatness," said the speaker and then presented a long list of Negroes who have achieved notable success.

In further reference to the Negroes achievements, Attorney Bullock said: "And when we were set free, after more than 250 years of slavery, with apparently no visible means of support, we did not seek aid from our former masters or ask to be supported at the government's expense; but through our own industry and thrift, in the few years which have separated us from slavery, we have purchased more than 600,000 homes, we have so conserved our resources that we are operating more than 909,000 farms and cultivating more than 100,000,000 acres, we are conducting more than 50,000 business enterprises and last year we spent more than $2,000,000 for our own education aside from what we contributed through general taxation.

Referring to race relations in the South, the speaker said: "Our friends in the South who have justice and fair play are beginning to speak out in no uncertain terms." This he regarded as "one of the most hopeful signs of the ultimate triumph of justice" for the Negro.

Addresses of welcome were made by R. R. Taylor, acting principal of the Institute and Col. Joseph H. Ward, medical officer in charge United States Veterans' Hospital. The response to these addresses was made by Attorney George L. Vaughn of St. Louis, Grand Bacillus of the fraternity.

KAPPA'S FOR DOUGLASS

WANT HIM IN HALL OF FAME—KAPPA ALPHA PSI CONVENTION OPPOSES COLOR SEGREGATION AND URGES FIGHT FOR WORLD PEACE—NUTTER AND ALEXANDER GET LAUREL WREATHS—WASHINGTON IN 1926

New York, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1926.—The Kappa Alpha Psi, holding its 15th annual convention here from Dec. 26-30, guests of the Onicron Chapter took high ground on many of the national and international problems, and before it adjourned passed resolutions brought in by Attorney William Harrison, of Chicago, commending the movement to place Frederick Douglass in the Hall of Fame: favored the

World Court as sponsored by President Coolidge; pledged support to the organization of the National Crime Commission, and urged college men to aid in fighting crime; condemned segregation based on color and urged that educated and Christians play a fitting part in the promotion of world peace. The speakers at the convention stressed the need of education, and Earl Dickerson in his annual address told of the importance of the guide right movement in helping to shape the lives of the youth of the race.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Earl S. Dickerson of Chicago re-elected grand polemarch; James Scott of Washington, D. C., senior vice-president; Eugene F. Corbie, of New York, junior vice-president; J. Ernest Wilkins, of Chicago, re-elected grand keeper of records and exchequer; grand strategus, Fred C. Clement and Nathaniel D. Scott, of Boston, Mass.; Lionel F. Artis, of Indianapolis, was re-elected editor-in-chief of the Kappa Journal, and Elder W. Diggs, also of Indianapolis, re-elected business manager of the Journal. A resolution was passed commending the able manner in which the Journal is edited. Dr. T. Powell of Philadelphia, A. A. Alexander of Iowa, and W. F. Savoy were elected to the board of directors.

Hon. T. C. Nutter of Charleston, W. Va., a former member of the State legislature was awarded the laurel wreath for distinguished service in 1924, and A. A. Alexander, a graduate of the University, was awarded the laurel wreath for 1925 for distinguished service.

The wreaths will be presented at the next meeting of the Kappa fraternity in Washington at a public meeting where Mortimer Harris will preside.

Among the prominent visitors to the convention not mentioned last week were: Prof. B. K. Armstrong of Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. Peters of St Louis, Mo.; I. J. K. Wells, head of the Negro Youth Movement; Dr. Preston Edwards, of Philadelphia; A. A Shearon of, Durham ,N. C.; J. L. Morgan Chemist, of Chicago, and Attorney Perry of Detroit. Among the distinguished visitors, who received many social courtesies, were Dr. and Mrs. Ossian H. Sweet, of Detroit.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI MEETS GOTHAM

The Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity which convened at New York the past week attracted a number of Chicagoans, delegates and visitors. The delegates attending were:

Iota Chapter, University of Chicago, Robert L. Lightfoot, Ernest F. Dupree, Joseph L. O'Neill, Theta Chapter, Northwestern University, E. McMillan, Emery L. Gray, James H. Lorick. Chicago Alumni Chapter, Wm. H. Harrison, Julius L. Morgan, T. J. Lumpkin, Chicago Iota, Wilkins J. Ernest.

Guests: R. H. Miller, Irvin Armstrong Chicago, Ill.; W. Ellis Stewart, Earl P. Dickerson, Chicago Alumni.

Following the convention Misses Marie Thompson and Ann C. Carlisle of 263 West 139th street entertained Sunday morning with a breakfast in honor of Attorney Earl B. Dickerson, Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Covers were laid for six on a table beautifully set up with old English china and Madera linen. The guests were: Attorney Earl B. Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stewart and Attorney J. T. Douglas Ray and Mrs. Gertrude Dismond.

Miss Elestine Smith of Philadelphia is spending the holidays as the guest of Miss Katherine Johnson, 100½ West 130th street. The charming Miss Smith is a junior at Penn State and a member of Delta Sigma Theta.

College Fraternities And Sororities In Session

Delta Sigma Theta

Des Moines, Iowa.—Seventh Annual convention selected Cincinnati, O., as place of next meeting. Officers elected: G. Dorothy Pelham, of Washington, D. C., president; Vivian O. Marsh, of Berkeley California, 1st vice president; Virginia M. Alexander, physician, of Kansas City, Mo., 2nd vice president; Luna Johnson-Braddock of Des Moines, Iowa, general secretary; Annie M. Dingle of New York City, treasurer; and Pauline A. Young, of Wilmington, Delaware, journalist and editor, THE DELTA, official organ of the Sorority. The only change in the roster of officers is the office of the second vice president.

Resolutions supported the Student Federation on the World Court at Princeton, N. J., which elected Mabel Holloway as southern representative; condemned segregation. A floral tribute was sent to the grave of Mrs. Booker T. Washingtn, an honorary Delta.

Omega Psi Phi

Tuskegee, Ala.—Fourteenth Annual session here.

Chicago was selected as place of next meeting. 63 chapters reported. All officers reelected. George L. Vaughn, St. Louis basileus; J. S. McClain, Phila., vice; Walter M. Mazyck, D. C., secretary; Daniel R. Taylor, Greensboro, N. C., treas.; J. Murchison, Atlanta, editor; C. O. Dudley, Chicago, marshall.

Protest sent Coolidge against segregation in government deparments. $200 appropriated to N. A. A. C. P. Legal Defense Fund. Congress urged to restore suffrage in south and pass Dyer bill. Labor unions urged to admit all colored workers. Fraternity urged to cooperate with other agencies in erecting memorial to late Colonel Charles Young.

Phi Beta Sigma

Richmond, Va.—12th annual session here. 41 chapters reported—thru 50 delegates. Place of next meeting, A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C.

Officers elected, W. Arthur Mitchell, D. C., president; (J. W. Woodhous, of Baltimore, declined fourth term) vice, Dr. M. Roberts, Miami, Fla.; secretary, J. T. Reid, Portsmouth, Va.; field secretary, J. T. Reid, Portsmouth, Va.; field secretary, J. M. Lewis; editor, J. M. Cofer, Augusta, Ga.

Fraternity voted to encourage more students to enter business. Memorial services for Judge W. H. Terrell of D. C.; National Health Week endorsed; donation sent N. A. A. C. P. Legal Defense Fund.

Alpha Phi Alpha

Detroit, Mich.—18th annual session. Richmond, Va., place of next meeting.

Officers elected: Raymond Cannon, Minneapolis, pres.; Jos. W. McGregor, Los Angeles, Cal., Dr. Peyton Anderson, N. Y.; Chas W. Green, Altanta; D. Langston Brown, Columbus, O., vice presidents; Joseph Evans, Atlanta, Ga., secretary; Percival Piper, Detroit, treasurer; Oscar Brown, Chicago, Editor.

A scholarship fund of $1,000, a fellowship of $2,000 and 10 high school scholarships of $100 each available in 1927 were established A $15,000 fund to aid chapters, build houses was authorized. James H. Hilburn of Baltimore elected to Executive Council. Go to High School Go to College Movement continued. 50 chapters represented.

Zeta Phi Beta

Baltimore.—Officers elected: Nellie A. Buchanan, president; Edythe R. Greene, 1st vice president; Marion O. Dugger Webb, 2nd vice president; Doralyne Spencer, recording secretary; Marietta Buford, corresponding secretary; Venetia Nichols, financial secretary; Lucille Jackson, treasurer, Lillian E. Smith, editor.

Mrs. A. E. Malone of Poro College, St. Louis, elected exalted honorary member. Washington D. C., was selected as place of next meeting.

Alpha Kappa Alpha

Washington—In a well attend session at Howard University the Alpha Kappa Alphas established a foreign scholarship fund of $1,000 and officially presented the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Serbornne, Paris, France, to Dr. Anna J. Cooper, Washington public school here.

The next meeting will be held in Columbus, Ohio. Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

Basileus, Mrs. Pauline Sim Puryear, of Petersburg, Va.; assist., Mrs. Carolyn Payne, of Wilberforce, Ohio; 2nd, Mrs. Althea Merchant, of St. Louis, Mo.; Grammatus, Miss Ruth Weatherless, of Washington, D. C.; Upistolus, Mrs. Gladys Pulum, of Kansas City, Mo.; Tamonchus, Miss Ethel Lyles, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Nine regional directors of the Middle West section which includes Maryland, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, were named. Mrs. Carrington Davis of Baltimore is director.

THE YOUNG NEGRO AND THE GREEK LETTER SOCIETIES

We had just sat down to write on the above mentioned subject when our attention was called to the following editorial in the Philadelphia Tribune, which in part expresses our view so well that we reproduce it:

There may be exceptions to the general rule, but from all the apparent evidence, these fraternities composed of the intelligent, progressive, educated and race loving men are nothing but "social clubs." Their chief objective seems to be to "buck" each other in staging elaborate social affairs. Instead of attempting to encourage manliness and dignity in the race they vie with each other in giving balls. While the less fortunate members of their race are struggling under a tremendous handicap they dance to the strains of beautiful music. This is not an attempt to argue that our fraternities should not engage in social affairs. It is, however, a condemnation of the prevailing custom of making dances, and things kindred thereto their only cause for existence. The money and time spent in staging balls and banquets could be invested in building Negro manhood which would stand throughout the ages as a monument to the common sense and foresight of the men who make up our "frats."

If the more intelligent members of our group can think of nothing but dances and a continuous round of pleasure the future outlook of the Negro race in America is exceedingly dark. Instead of being "social clubs' our Greek Letter Fraternities should be an oasis in the desert They ought to be a beacon-light to guide the unsteady footsteps of the future generations. Unless our "Frats' do these things they have no excuse for existing, because there are hundreds of other clubs for the sole purpose of providing amusement. If our fraternities refuse to live up to the high ideals upon which they were founded they should scrap their present high sounding constitutions and stop leading good men into them by misrepresentation and fraud

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United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten.

U. B. F. CLOSES ANNUAL SESSION AT OMAHA, NEB

Duke Diggs Re-Elected Grand Master. Sedalia, Mo., Gets Next Meeting

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special) The U. B. F. and S. M. T. closed their 56th annual session here on last Friday evening. There were approximately 500 visitors and delegates present. The chief legislation enacted was to increase the value of all policies in force.

The following officers of the U. B. F. were elected:

Grand Master, Duke Diggs; Deputy Grand Master, Rev. J. W. Hurse, Grand Secretary, C. G. Williams; Asst. Grand Secretary, H. H. Williams; Grand Chaplain, T. H. Lockwood; Grand Medical Registrar, Dr. D. W. Goodin; Senior Marshall, A. H. Dickerson; Junior Marshall, S. H. Lamkins; Right Supporter, Robert Davis; Left Supporter, Mason Hall; Inside Sentinel, E. H. Reynolds; Outside Sentinel, R. R. Moten; Sword Bearer, W. W. Turk; Second Member Board of Management, Robert S. Cobb; Members of Trustee Board, C. L. Spencer, Wm. Hagwood, Wm. Burton. Delegates to the National Grand Lodge, G. M. Duke Diggs, C. G. Williams and C. W. Black. Alternates, B. K. Bruce, J. T. Caston, G. W. Brown; Grand Treasurer, C. W. Black.

Place of meeting, Sedalia, Mo.

U. B. F. TO HOLD ANN'L SESSION AT OMAHA, NEB.

By Robert S. Cobb

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 9—The Grand Lodge of U. B. F. and S. M. T. and Royal House will convene in Omaha, Nebr., beginning on the 23rd inst. and continuing thru the 27th. All arrangements have been made to carry a special train out of St. Louis, Missouri via Wabash at 10:15 the night of August 21st. The excursion train will pick up delegates and friends along the Wabash route into Kansas City. The excursion will then proceed to Omaha on Sunday morning leaving Kansas City at 8:15 a. m. via Missouri Pacific. All delegates are asked to buy tickets one way only and secure a certificate in order to assure the one half return fare.

Signs of Progress

The Grand Master, Duke Diggs, stated that the Orphans Home at Hannibal, Mo. had shown wonderful improvement under the management of a Committee and that the inmates were well fed, clothed and housed.

Ritualistic Work

The subordinate lodges and temples have made progress in ritualistic work during the year and those lodges and temples winning prizes in this phase of the work will be taken to the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master, the one winning team in a subordinate lodge and one team in a subordinate temple.

Membership

Over 600 members have been initiated during the past six weeks which brings the total membership of the lodges and temples to over 12,000 members. (Twelve thousand.)

The Grand Master has a plan which if accepted by the Grand Lodge will offset having to ask for any special tax.

Law Suit

The suit against the Massachusetts Bonding Co., is now in the Supreme Court of Missouri; the Referee, Judge David Peters, gave a favorable decision to the Grand Lodge U. B. F. The Mass. Co. then appealed to the Supreme Court where the case now is.

U. B. F. LODGE CLOSES MEET IN NEBRASKA

1,100 Delegates Were in Attendance

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 3.—The 56th annual convention of the U. B. F. and S. M. T. of Missouri and jurisdiction closed its four day session Aug. 27 at St. John's A. M. E. church. The convention was presided over by Grand Master Duke Diggs of Jefferson City, Mo. At the same time the grand temple was called to order by Mrs. B. K. Bruce of Leavenworth, Kan., at Zion Baptist church.

The most important business that was transacted by the grand lodge was the general increase in the death certificates, the increase in general assessments, the providing of a special fund to cover the expenses of the exhibition work and the standardizing of each field of activity that is carried on by the U. B. F. and S. M. T.

As the custom of the lodge is to permit grand officers to remain in office for a term of four years, the election was conducted very briefly, with all the grand officers being re-elected with the exception of one or two.

Grand Master Diggs' annual report contained many vital recommendations for the betterment of the order. He presented a check for $15, first prize, to Fred Douglas lodge No. 86, Kansas City, Mo., for having done the best work in the lodge in Missouri and jurisdiction. The Queen Beatrice temple No. 2 won first prize, $15, for having done the best work in the temple. Queen Sheba temple No. 284 won second prize, $10.

Mrs. B. K. Bruce made her annual report on work of the temple for the year, which drew the applause of the body many times.

Hold Memorial Service

On Wednesday evening the grand lodge and temple met in joint session at Zion Baptist church to hold memorial services. Rev. R. E. Lee was master of ceremonies. The following program was rendered: Song, U. B. F. and S. M. T. chorus; invocation, Rev. R. F. Nelson; scripture reading, Rev. C. W. Clemmons; the memorial sermon was delivered by Rev. J. S. Caston; song, U. B. F. and S. M. T. chorus; benediction, Rev. R. F. Nelson.

The following officers were elected for the year: Duke Diggs, grand master; Rev. J. W. Hurse, deputy grand master; C. G. Williams, grand secretary; H. H. Williams, assistant grand secretary; C. W. Black, grand treasurer; T. H. Lockwood, grand chaplain; Dr. D. W. Gooden, grand medical registrar; senior marshal, A. H. Dickerson; junior marshal, S. H. Lampkins; right supporter, Robert Davis; left supporter, Mason Hall; inside sentinel, E. H. Reynolds; outside sentinel, R. E. Moten; sword bearer, W. W. Turk; second member of the board of management, R. S. Cobb.

The following were elected to the board of trustees: C. L. Spenser, first; Wm. Haygood, second; Wm. Burton, third. Delegates elected to national convention of grand lodge at St. Louis, Mo., July, 1927, Duke Diggs, C. G. Williams and C. W. Black. Alternates: B. K. Bruce, J. T. Caston and Dr. G. W. Brown. Sedalia, Mo., was selected for next meeting of the order.

The grand temple officers were elected as follows: Mary E. Bruce, grand princess; Missouri Ford, vice grand princess; A. F. Abington, grand secretary; Mary Monroe, assistant grand secretary; Clara Adams, grand treasurer; Mrs. Leona Caston, grand chaplain; Maggie Hopson, senior marshal; Georgia E. Robinson, grand junior marshal; Mary E. Walker, grand jusha; Belle Miller, grand zilla; Alice Smith, pilot; M. Belle Gooden, grand inside gate keeper; Anna E. Roberts, grand outside gate keeper; M. Etta Bolden, grand Jacob. The following were elected members of the grand trustees' board: Sarah Dixon, first; Lulu J. Ball, second; Alemada Johnson, third.

The officers elected to grand royal house were: M. N. G. king, G. M. West; M. E. G. queen, Laura J. Casey; M. E. G. scribe, C. B. Robinson; M. E. G. assistant scribe, Anna Roberts; M. E. S. K. of finance, Mary Renfro.

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United Order of Good Shepherds.

20th Supreme Session Order Good Shepherds Held In Birmingham

Birmingham, Ala.—The 20th supreme session of the United Order of Good Shepherds, U. S. A., was held here July 21 to 24 with the founder and supreme president, G. W. Chandler, presiding.

Much important legislation looking to the further advancement of the organization was enacted. One of the splendid things done was the pensioning of Dr. H. J. Stark, chairman of the executive board of the State of Ohio, who has become blind.

The supreme president's annual address was comprehensive and instructive, bringing out the fact the order now has local Fountains in 15 states, and that great improvements have been made in the development of Shepherdville, where more than 3,000 acres of the best land in the state are owned and occuped by the order and where is located the Good Shepherd Home for care of the unfortunate.

Headquarters are now at 611 South 15th street, Birmingham, having been moved from Montgomery last January. A sick and accident department has been organized and a special tax has been levied to provide for the increased benefits accorded the members. The Shepherdville Land Co. was oranized on July 5 to further develop the town, and 500 acres have been set aside for charitable purposes. The company is to operate under auspices of the order for six years, when it is planned that all indebtedness and outstanding certificates will be cleared up, and then the order will deed the land clear of all incumbrances.

The Supreme officers elected were G. W. Chandler, supreme president; Dr. C. J. Davis, 1t supreme vice-president; Dr. H. J. Starks, 2nd supreme vice-president; Curtis Edge, 3rd supreme vice-president; Mrs. S. M. Collins, national secretary-treasurer; the Rev. E. W. Cooke, Dr. C. J. Davis, national auditors, the Rev. B. F. Mosely, assistant

Supreme Managing Board—G. W. Chandler, Dr. C. A. Smyley, Rev. E. W. Cooke, Dr. C. J. Davis, Dr. Wm. Madison, C. C. Cunningham, Dr. A. L. Hinson, Walter Morris, Mrs. M. C. Whitten, John Pranan, Mrs. J. H. Clemons, Mrs. S. M. Collins.

National Deputies—Mrs. L. D. McAfee, also State President of Georgia, Rev. B. F. Mosley, Mrs. Mattie Cunningham, Mrs. M. C. Whitten.

Reporter 8-1-26 Birmingham, Ala.

The Supreme Lodge of the United Order of Good Shepherds closed an interesting session in this city during the week of the nineteenth. The meeting was well attended with some fifteen states represented, including Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky and Oklahoma. All sessions were held at the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church where the large delegation received a stirring and eloquent welcome address from Dr. John W. Goodgame, pastor of that church. Dr. W. M. Madison, of Chicago, Ill., a distinguished member of the institution, spoke Thursday night and as usual interested the members of the Good Shepherds on the history of the order and the work being accomplished through such institutions as the Good Shepherd fraternity. He used for his subject "No man liveth unto himself."

All reports gave strong references to G. W. Chandler, founder of the Order. In his address the Supreme President said that the principles and teachings upon which the order is founded have made a force of inestimable value in all that tends to elevate the individual and make him a better and more useful member of society. He paid many compliments to the work of the official family and felt encouraged over the noble work being done by the members of the fraternity throughout the supreme jurisdiction.

Rev. B. F. Moseley was masterly in his address on "Shepherdism, an Asset to the Race." Dr. Farmer, Pastor of the Thirgood C. M. E. Church, delivered the closing address.

A number of prizes were given to members for special work during the year. Mrs. Katie B. Lindsay received five dollars in gold for bringing in the highest number of members since last session. Mrs. S. M. Collins was given a five hundred mile trip for raising the highest amount over a hundred dollars; Mrs. Velma Connors was given five dollars in gold for raising the highest amount of money over twenty five dollars.

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Woodmen of Union.

John L. Webb is Center of Big Fraternity Which This Week Dedicates Modern Office Building, Sanitarium and Nurses' Home in Hot Springs. National Figures Much in Evidence

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Jan. 23—During the whole of this week thousands of members of the Woodmen of Union are joining with the Supreme officers, members of the general public and men of note from more than a dozen states in a grand celebration of the opening of the newly completed Woodmen of Union Sanitorium, nurses home and office building here. This structure, modern and complete in every detail represents an outlay of many hundreds of thousands of dollars and will serve as the home office of the Order of which the nationally known John L. Webb is Supreme Custodian and Dr. E. A. Kendall is Supreme President.

The completion of this building marks the culmination of the dream of the founders of this Order which has grown in the vast few years from a small concern to one of the largest in the country. It now boasts of more than 65,000 members, a monthly collection of more than $40,000; it has more than $20,000,000 of insurance in force and has assets of approximately $500,000.

Nationally Known Figures to Appear on Program

Seldom ever before has it happened that so many nationally known figures appeared on a program as have consented to join the Woodmen and their forces in the dedication of this wonderful structure. The programs which have been arranged to cover the whole of the celebration which to last for one week contains the names of the foremost members of the race in America. Among those who will deliver addresses during the exercises are Hon. W. S. Willis of Texas K. of P.; Claude Barnett, Chicago; Editor Mitchell of St. Louis; President T. O. Fuller of Little Rock; Col. J. H. Ward of The Veterans Hosvital at Tuskegee; Drs. G. W. Ish, L. E. Fern, L. A. West, J. G. Walker, W. S. Martin, Hon. A. L. Bush, of The Mosaic Templars of America; W. T. Daniels of the U. B. F. of Arkansas; L. L. Powell of Alabama; Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, president of The Penny Savings Bank of Richmond, Va.; Mr. L. S. Blunt-Bryant of The Royal Circle; Hon. Scipio Jones, Little Rock; Dr. J. B. Martin, Memphis; Dr. C. V. Roman of Nashville, who will deliver the dedicatory oration; Mrs. Annie M. Malone, president of Poro College, St. Louis; Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, Nashville; Hon. C. C. Spaulding, Sec-Treas. of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company of Durham; Bishop I. N. Ross of The A. M. E. Church and others of equal prominence in the business and professional life of the race.

Order Operates in Fifteen States

The Woodmen of Union which has just come into Texas and established headquarters in Dallas under the direction of Rev. N. L. Bently, one of its organizers, is now operating in fifteen of the states of the union and has more than 65,000 members. According to the statement contained in the very elaborate souvenir program for the dedication its goal is one million members and assets of more than a million dollars.

The new building which offers sanitarium privileges to the general public as well as to the members of the order is one of the most modern and elaborately furnished in the country.

Hon. John L. Webb, Supreme Custodian of the Order is one of the best known figures in the Negro financial world today and has been conspicuous for many years as one of the officials of The National Negro Business League.

NEGRO SOCIETY ERECTS $500,000 HOME BUILDING

Woodmen of Union to Dedicate Half Million Dollar Building at Hot Springs, Arkansas

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 22.- The new half million dollar building of the Woodmen of the Union will be dedicateed here the week of January 17-23. The program will include addresses by some of the leading business and professional men in America, among whom are: Dr. C. V. Roman, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. A. E. Malone, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, Nashville; C. C. Spaulding, Durham; Dr. A. M. Townsend, Nashville, and Bishop N. Ross.

The dedication of this building is considered as one of the foremost indications of the continual progress of Negroes in business and a crowning achievement of John L. Webb, Supreme Custodian, and Dr. E. A. Kendall, Supreme President of the Woodmen of Union, to whose untiring efforts the building is due. The Woodmen of Union, under the guidance of these two men, has within a few years risen from obscurity to the ranks of the leading fraternal organization in America. —La. Weekly

GRAND OFFICIALS OF WOODMEN OF UNION TO BE IN DALLAS

Supreme President and Supreme Custodian to Attend Thanksgiving Sermon. Macedonia Baptist Church to be Scene of Festivities

(By W. M. Thomas)

The Woodmen of Union, a real Negro Fraternal Organization, will hold its Thanksgiving Sermon at Macedonia Baptist Church, Sunday at 3 p. m. The local organization is to enjoy priviledge of having three members of the "Supreme Lodge" here to join them in and give dignity to the manner in which these brothers and Sister in a common bond shall give thanks to the "Ever Wise Supreme President" for themselves and the progress this worthy and progressive race organization has made in the municipality of Dallas and the great commonwealth of Texas.

Founder to Be Present.....

Besides enjoying the extra ordinancenary destruction of having three memberh of the Supreme family to in giving thanks Dallas chapters have the honor and Dallas Business men will have the honor of entertaining Hon. John L. Webb, Supreme Custodian and founder of the Woodmen of Union.

Mr. Webb enjoys the distinction of having founded an organization that stands among the best and wealthiest in Negro Fraternalism. Along with being founder of the Woodmen of Union, Mr. Webb built in the city of Hot Springs a hospital which stands second none in equipment and efficiency of staff.

Dr. E. A. Kendell, Supreme president is expected to be present and give the citizens of Dallas the advise and encouragement to help them put Dallas at the front. The success of the manificent hospital at Hot Springs is due in no small measure to the efforts of Dr. Kendell The third and last member of the Supreme camp expected here is Supreme agent, Wm. Faulcher.

The members of the following churches will have the privilege of hearing these representatives of the Woodmen of Union, Sunday morning Boll St. C. M. E., St. John and Munger Avenue Baptist, Sunday night., St. James, Macedonia and the Christian Church.

Macedonia will be the scene of a mass meeting on Monday night after which all shall "Eat, Drink and be Merry."

$500,000 BUILDING IS DEDICATED BY COLORED ORDER

Prominent Men of the Race from every Section Participated in the Dedication of the New Woodmen of the Union Building at Hot Springs Arkansas, January 17-24.

THE MIRROR

By C. F. RICHARDSON.

HOUSTON'S NEGRO HOSPITAL.

According to news articles which appeared in the daily newspapers several days ago, the contract has been awarded for the construction of the first unit of the Negro hospital, which is located near the Jack Yates Colored High School and Blackshear School (elementary), in the "deep Third Ward."

During the Christmas season of 1924 a certain white philanthropist of Houston made a donation of $75,000 for a colored hospital, conditional upon the municipal government purchasing or providing a suitable site for the building and then maintaining same after its construction.

After some objections had been raised to a certain site in the Fourth Ward, same being known as the Golf Park property, the city fathers and leading spirits in the hospital movement decided upon the large tract of land in the Third Ward, where the hospital building will be erected.

Just what kind or type of building will be erected as this first unit in what is planned as a hospital and health center for colored citizens of this community, we are unable to state just here; for no colored organization, it appears, has been consulted or conferred with by the city fathers and hospital leaders re this proposition.

It does appear to the conductor of this column that both the directors of Union Hospital, local colored eleemosynary institution, and the Harris County Medical Society, colored, should have been consulted regarding this proposed hospital building, as is done in other cities and communities when such an institution is projected and constructed for the direct and immediate benefit of the colored citizenry.

If this new hospital is to be a colored institution, with a colored personnel, even if white doctors serve in advisory capacities, colored doctors and hospital officials ought not to have been ignored by the those woh had charge of this movement here.

The land was purchased with little or no consideration of the desires or wants of the colored people, nor of the property's location, desirability and accessibility; and, as a result, the new hospital will be in very close proximity to two colored schools, one a high and the other a ward school; and the noise kept up by the children at these two schools during recess hours five days in the week, nine months in the year, will make it very uncomfortable and unpleasant for the sick and convalescent at this hospital.

No hospital ought to be located in a veritable noise zone, yet this new colored hospital will be thus situated nine months out of every twelve; though it is too late to raise such objections now.

We do not wish to pose as chronic objectors or as being ungrateful for the wonderful gift from this distinguished white Houstonian; but we do feel that our race has been slighted and ignored in this matter and that the colored doctors, at least, should know in advance something about the type and calibre of building that will be erected; its arrangement, equipment, et cetera; the bed capacity; how operated; number of private wards, if any; provisions for charity patients, and other information so necessary in the projection and establishment of such an institution.

As usual, we presume, our race slept too late and this is our sad and bitter fate; but we still insist that at least the members of the Harris County Medical Society, colored, should know something definite and concrete about this new colored hospital.

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Prominent Men of the Race from Every Section Participated in the Dedication of the New Woodmen of the Union Building at Hot Springs, Arkansas, January 17-23

COLORED NATIONAL WOODMEN HOLDS FORTY-THIRD SESSION IN DALLAS

July 27-30th, the Colored National Woodmen of Texas received its formal welcome from local Colored National Woodmen and citizens of Dallas, Monday night, July [illegible] Macedonia Baptist Church 8:30 p. m. The program was full of interest and inspiration. To the response of welcome were leading men and women of the Order. Among them were: Prof. R. H. Hines of Fort Worth; Prof. W. H. Hudson of Austin; Mrs. R. H. Hines, Editress, Ft. Worth; and Mr. B. K. Johnson, Sov. Clerk, Bonham; Mr. B. R. Adams, Sov. Commander, displayed much interest and wisdom of the order holding a school of instruction for one hour in degree work during the session, so that the members that were present might become well informed about the degree work of the Colored National Woodmen. The noon degree was conferred to 12 neighbors. Without this degree, no one is eligible to office. Rev. E. Arlington Wilson, pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church was introduced by Sovereign Command, Adams of which in his address to the Colored National Woodmen, he mentioned how wonderfully impressed he had become of the Order because of its principles, and its personals and in fitting words an appeal of continuance of respect, support and cooperation for and with the Sov. Commander, Neighbor W. B. Clark, Sov. Banker of Quitman, Texas, Principal of the high school, a deep and logical thinker, and generally regarded as a man of few words. However at this time he convinced his hearers that he was not only a councilor of the Colored National Woodman; but a forceful speaker. Mr. Adams, Sov. Commander in his address showed that a thorough survey had been made of the entire jurisdiction and that the Commander had followed his usual way of doing well the things he attempt. He enjoys the distinction of being regarded as one of the finest and truest leaders before the people of Texas. His recommendations. So thoughtfully prepared were all later adopted while immediate approval was given his message. Regular rules were suspended and Mr. Adams elected Sov. Commander for another year.

Membership Drive

Report from competitors that participated in the drive that has been on for several months under the management of Sov. Clerk, B. K. Johnson, of Bonham. More than 600 members were added to the order during the contest and that Mrs. J. E. Holland of Dallas had one hundred and nine (109) to her credit, leading in the contest. A prize of $50.00 were awarded her for her work.

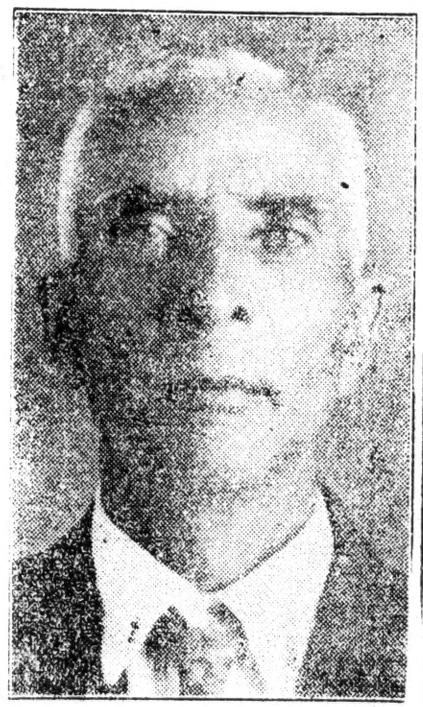
Financial Report

Sov. Clerk, B. K. Johnson and Clerk, B. K. Johnson and Sov. Banker, W. B. Clark, made their reports which showed that $12,447.17 collected during the year $8359.21 disbursed. Mrs. R. H. Hines, Sov. Editress, "Woodman Blade," made a strong appeal in behalf of Federation of Colored Women's Club and a donation of $20.15 was made. The Colored National Woodmen Memorial Service was very impressive with a suitable program for the occasion. 25 neighbors have passed to the great beyond since last session. All officers were re-elected except Rev. A. L. Taylor, Chaplain, being absent Rev. E. J. Blocker of Hearne was made Chaplain.

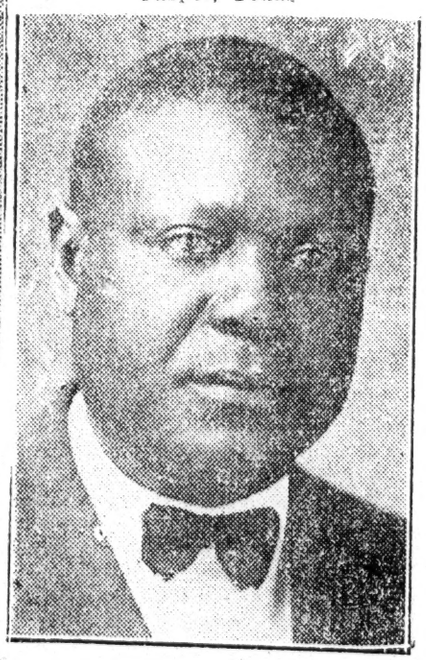
Next Meeting Place

A close race betgeen Terrell and Belton for the next annual session was shown. Terrell being victorious in getting the next session. An interesting program both refreshing and entertaining was held Thursday night conducted by Mrs. Burwell of Dallas. She proved herself mistress of the situation and fully capable of judging for a program of that kind. The National Colored Woodmen closed their 23rd annual session with all pending claims settled with full satisfaction to the representatives that it was the best in its history.

R. B. ADAMS,
Sovereign Commander,
Jasper, Texas



HON. GREEN SPRINGFIELD,
Vice Commander,
Corsicana, Texas



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